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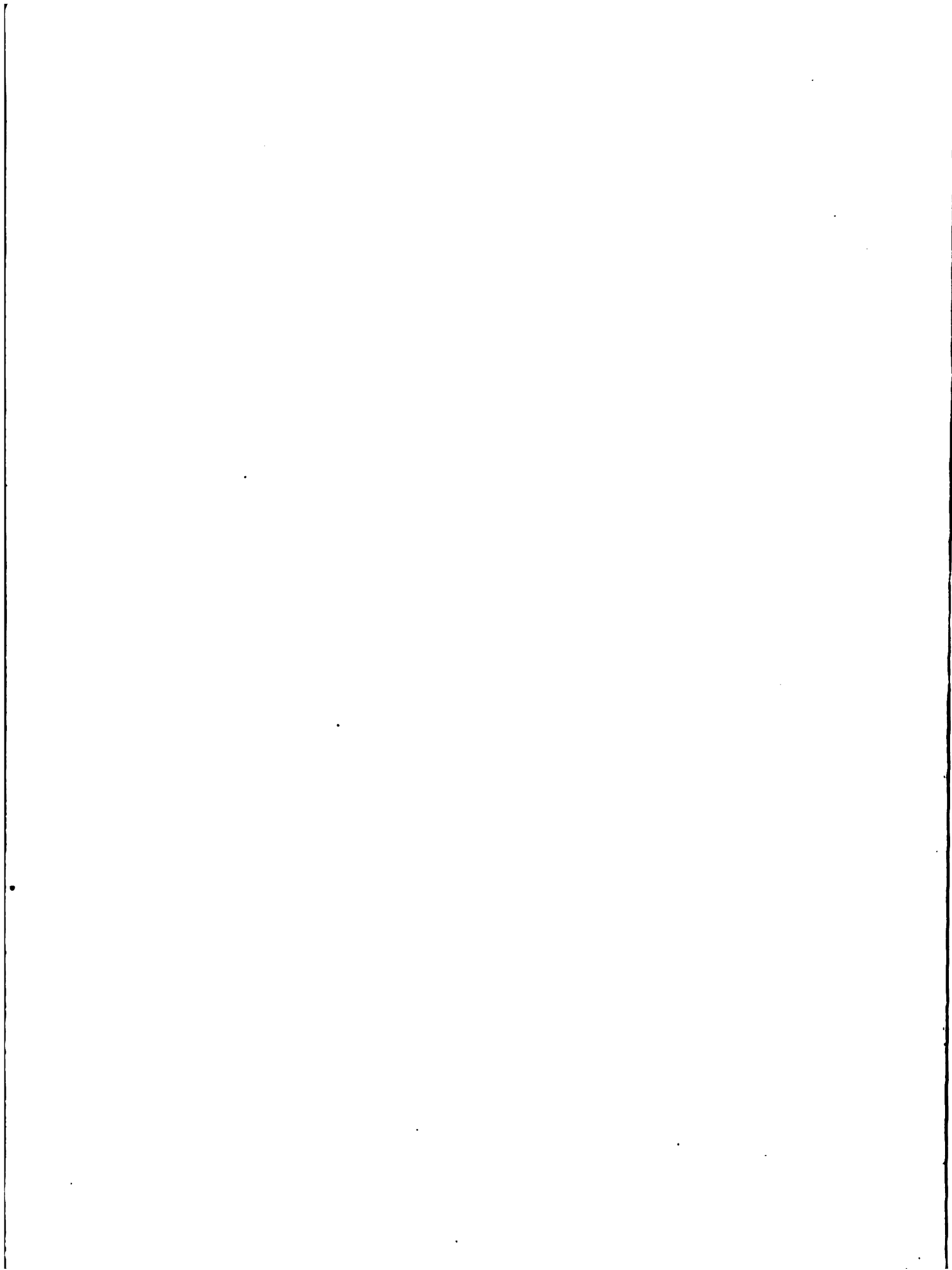
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5TH ADMINISTRATIVE BATTALION CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEERS,

THESE RECORDS ARE DEDICATED,

IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF HIS UNVARYING KINDNESS AND CONSIDERATION

TO HIS

ADJUTANT

DURING HIS TERM OF SERVICE WITH THE BATTALION.

P R E F A C E .

THE task of preparing this Volume has been heavier than was expected, owing to the fact that no notes had been kept of any occurrences in the Battalion since its formation. The Compiler trusts that the work now begun will be continued as directed in the Queen's Regulations.

Although the Records of a Regiment of Volunteers—destitute as they must necessarily be of stirring stories of War—are comparatively uninteresting to the general public, it is hoped that these few pages may prove of some value both to Officers and Men, in affording particulars affecting themselves and the comrades with whom, in days gone by, they have stood shoulder to shoulder on many a bloodless field.

A. F. T.

PARK HILL, CONGLETON,
March, 1879.

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* The Compiler is indebted to Lady Shakerley for the original sketch of this portrait.

CHAPTER I.

THE OLD VOLUNTEERS.

THE early history of the Volunteer Force is to be traced in every national emergency.

Although the continuance of the Trained Bands, with the exception of those of London, had been prohibited since 1663, nevertheless some of them were still in existence many years later, and the Volunteers, who did good service during the Rebellions of 1715 and 1745, were probably the remains of that ancient Force.

Regiments of Volunteers were also raised from time to time when insurrection or invasion was apprehended, receiving arms and stores from Government (*a*); the members returning to their private occupations as soon as the danger had passed away.

When the prospect of prolonged war rendered an increase of the standing army necessary, it was thought advisable that the Volunteers should undergo more continuous training, and that the sanction of Parliament should be given to the maintenance of the Force. Accordingly, in 1779, an Act (*b*) was passed, authorising Companies of Volunteers to be attached to the Militia. This was the first form in which the Volunteer service, as now known, was introduced.

This plan, however, proved unpopular; and a few years later, independent companies were raised in different parts of the country, more particularly in towns near the sea-coast. Some of these Corps served without any pay from Government, others received pay and allowances under certain regulations.

NOTE.—Many paragraphs regarding the old Volunteer Force have been extracted from Clode's "Military Forces of the Crown," Grose's "Military Antiquities," and "The Military Library."

(*a*) In 1754 many towns bought ordnance from the Crown for their own protection.

(*b*) 19 George III, c. 76.

In the beginning of 1797, when a French invasion was threatened, Mr. Dundas, then Secretary of State for War, invited the people to form themselves into Volunteer Corps for their own protection. In every part of the kingdom the proposal was accepted with the utmost alacrity and zeal, and in a very few months a new army of citizens was enrolled and mustered, in appearance equal to the Regular and Militia Forces, and in the discipline of the Parade very little inferior.

In the County of Chester this appeal was responded to with the greatest promptitude and energy; several Companies and Associations were raised, and among them the early representatives of those Corps which now form the 5th Administrative Battalion.

In the month of June, two Companies were raised at Nantwich (c), under the command of Major Sir Robert Cotton, Bart.

It appears from the following record that the Nantwich and Doddington Volunteers attended a "Church Parade" on Sunday, the 13th August (c*):

"At a Meeting of the Committee of the Nantwich Volunteer Infantry, held on Monday, the 14th day of August, 1797; Sir Robert Salusbury Cotton, Baronet, in the chair—Ordered unanimously, that the thanks of the Committee shall be and are hereby given to The Reverend Sir Thomas Broughton, Baronet, for the honour he conferred upon the Corps by complying with their request in preaching before them yesterday, in the Parish Church of Wybunbury, and for the excellent Sermon he then delivered. And the Committee, being of opinion that the loyal and true constitutional principles contained therein may be of considerable public utility in the present juncture of National affairs, beg leave, also, to express their wish that Sir Thomas Broughton will be pleased to print the same.

"Signed, by order of the Committee,

"PLANT MADDOCKS, *Secretary.*"

The same month, a Company was formed at Macclesfield (d), under Captain Jasper Hulley; and in the following year a "Voluntary Association," also consisting of one Company, was formed at

(c) "The Loyal Nantwich Volunteer Infantry."

(c*) The Sermon was preached from *Jeremiah*, x, 23. A copy was presented to the compiler by Quartermaster-Sergeant Lewis, 33rd C.B.V.C.

(d) "The Loyal Macclesfield Volunteer Infantry."

Congleton, under Captain Nathaniel Maxey Pattison, which lasted for about four years.

Several Regulations regarding the pay and discipline of the Volunteers were now issued; the following, dated 9th June, 1798, will serve as an example :

“The Officers are allowed pay, at the rates specified in the annexed Table, for the days of Exercise only, except that constant pay is allowed to one Officer of each Company, if taken from the half-pay, not exceeding the pay of a Captain.

“No pay is allowed for Chaplains, nor for Surgeons, unless on actual service.

“The Non-Commissioned Officers and Private Men are allowed One Shilling per day each for every day of Exercise, or number of hours in different days equivalent thereto, not exceeding two days in the week. Six hours are reckoned equal to a day's Exercise.

“One Sergeant in each Company receives constant full pay.

“*Table of Rates of Pay for Volunteer Infantry, when not on actual Service, for each day of Exercise :*

						£	s.	d.
Colonel	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	6
Lieut.-Colonel	...	...	...	...	...	0	15	11
Major	...	...	...	...	...	0	14	1
Captain	...	...	...	...	...	0	9	5
Lieutenant	...	...	...	...	...	0	4	4
Ensign	...	...	...	...	...	0	3	5
Adjutant	...	...	...	...	...	0	8	9
Sergeant	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	0
Corporal	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	0
Drummer	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	0
Private	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	0

“*For each day, in cases where Constant Pay is allowed :*

Captain on half-pay, as such (being precluded by law from receiving his half-pay)	...	...	0	9	5
Lieutenant on half-pay, as such (being still to receive his half-pay as formerly)	...	...	0	2	2
Ensign on half-pay, as such (being still to receive his half-pay as formerly)	...	...	0	1	8
One Sergeant per Company	...	...	0	1	6½

“WAR OFFICE, 9th June, 1798.”

These Regulations were somewhat relaxed in the following December. Three hours instead of six were to be reckoned as a day's exercise; the two days' drill a week was not to be insisted upon in those Corps which obtained a favourable report from the Inspecting Officer; and members absent on account of sickness were allowed to draw their pay for a period not exceeding three months. Other Regulations were afterwards issued, giving higher rates of pay in time of war.

The mode of arming the men varied according to situation. Those in the interior towns were armed altogether with firelocks; those on the coast, too, were often supplied wholly with musketry, but if they had the means of being trained to the great guns, then only one-third were allowed fire-arms, and the rest exercised as the Artillery.

The men were allowed their clothing, viz., a coat, waistcoat, and breeches, round hat and cockade, for which the following allowances were made:

					£	s.	d.
To a Sergeant	...	...	...	...	3	3	9
„ Corporal	...	...	...	...	1	11	3
„ Drummer	...	...	...	...	2	3	6
„ Private	...	...	...	...	1	9	3

The accoutrements consisted of a belt, pouch, and sling, for those provided with small arms; and might either be drawn from the Ordnance Stores, or provided by the men themselves, who received in the latter case the following allowances:

					£	s.	d.
For a musket, bayonet, and scabbard	...	...	...	...	1	16	0
„ halbert	...	...	...	...	0	9	6
„ drum and sticks	...	...	...	...	0	19	0
„ cartridge box	...	...	...	...	0	2	6
„ tanned leather sling	...	...	...	...	0	1	4

The Statutes under which the Volunteer Corps were serving expired with the Peace of Amiens, in 1802; but the same year, in consequence of the threatening attitude of Napoleon, and in

anticipation of a renewal of the war, an Act (e) was passed enabling the Crown to retain the services of Corps already in existence, and to accept those of others thereafter to be formed. This Act exempted Volunteers from service in the Militia, and may be considered as laying the foundation of the present Volunteer system. In 1803 the "*Levy en masse*" Act (f) was passed, which authorised the enrolment of all males between the ages of 17 and 55.

"The spectacle," says Alison, "now presented by the British Islands was unparalleled in their history; in the multitudes who thronged to the Standard of their country were to be seen men of all ranks and descriptions, from the Prince of the Blood to the labourer of the soil."

In the estimates for 1803-4, the numbers of the Volunteer Force are given at 379,943 for Great Britain (of which 42,500 Infantry and 2,500 Cavalry were serving without pay), and at 70,000 for Ireland. With so large a force in arms, it became necessary to consolidate and amend the law under which it was serving; and as at this time the service of many Corps was strictly local, offered only to protect their own town or district, an Act (g) was passed to give effect to these arrangements, and in this respect it differs from the Volunteer Act of 1863, under which the present force is serving.

The Nantwich and Macclesfield Volunteers were re-organised in September, 1803. The former Corps was increased to six Companies, and the old Officers received fresh commissions. The command was given to Lieut.-Colonel John Crewe, who was shortly afterwards promoted to the rank of Colonel; and Mr. Peter Wetenhall (h) was appointed Adjutant.

A second Company was added to the Macclesfield Corps, and Captain Hulley, the only one of the old Officers remaining, now received the title of Captain Commandant. This Officer took the

(e) 42 George III, c. 66.

(f) 43 George III, c. 96.

(g) 44 George III, c. 54.

(h) This Officer became Quartermaster of the Congleton Local Militia, in 1810.

greatest interest in his Corps, equipping the men at his own expense, and was afterwards offered a Majority, which, however, he declined. He died in 1807, and was succeeded by Captain James Pearson. The Colours of this Corps hung for some years in the parish church, but being taken down when the church was re-painted, were considered by an enlightened official too shabby to be re-placed; they are now carefully preserved in Captain Hulley's family (i). The Queen's colour is of dark blue silk, with the Royal Arms in the centre. The Regimental colour is of crimson silk, with the Union in the upper canton; in the centre, within a wreath of oak leaves and acorns, are the Arms of Macclesfield—a lion rampant, holding a *garbe*, or; and underneath, the motto, "*Nec Virtus nec Copia desunt.*"

In August, 1803, a Regiment of six Companies was raised under the name of "The Loyal Sandbach and Rode Volunteer Infantry," with Head-quarters at the former place. It was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel John Ford, with Majors Randle Wilbraham and Weston Bayley.

In the following month, a Company was formed at Alderley, under Captain Edward Stanley, but it appears to have existed only till the beginning of 1806.

At the same period, "The Macclesfield Foresters" were raised, under Lieut.-Colonel Davies Davenport and Major John Ryle. This Regiment consisted of four Companies.*

The following information is extracted from a Return now in the Record Office, dated 13th December, 1803:

Total British Volunteers	...	...	380,193
„ Irish „	...	...	82,941
			<u>463,134</u>

(i) The compiler is much indebted to Mrs. Hulley, of "The One House," Macclesfield, for permission to make a sketch of these Colours.

* The War Office List for October, 1804, gives 5 Captains, 5 Lieutenants, and 4 Ensigns; that for 1806, only 3 Captains.

THE COLOURS OF
"THE LOYAL MACCLESFIELD
VOLUNTEER INFANTRY,"
1803.



CORPS.	COMMANDANT.	No. of Companies.	Establishment.	Total.	Field Officers.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Staff.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Effective Rank and File.	Date of Services accepted.	Allowances required and granted.	
														Pay.	Clothing.
Sandbach and Rode	John Ford ...	6	60	360	3	6	12	5	18	18	12	360	1803. Aug. 20	...	20/- per man
Macclesfield ...	Jasper Hulley ...	2	100	200	...	2	8	...	8	8	4	200	Aug. 20	...	20/- "
Do. Foresters ...	Davies Davenport	4	86	343	2	4	12	3	16	16	10	343	Sept. 8	for Ser.-Maj.	20/- "
Alderley ...	Edward Stanley .	1	120	120	...	1	3	...	4	3	2	101	Sept. 5	...	20/- "
Nantwich ...	John Crewe ...	6	70	420	2	6	11	1	16	15	12	413	Sept. 5	20/-	20/- "

This Return shows the number of Volunteers in Cheshire to have been 282 Officers and 5,718 men—total, 6,000; exclusive of 3 Officers and 260 men supernumeraries.

The following bill for great-coats for the Nantwich Volunteers shows not only the strength of the Corps and the flourishing state of its finances, but also that the equipment at that time was, in some respects, more complete than at the present day. The numbers also show that the Corps had thirty supernumeraries (j) :

LONDON, 3rd May, 1804.

Colonel Crewe,

To STREATFIELD, WEST, AND STREATFIELD,

For Great-coats and Straps furnished the Nantwich Volunteers.

432 Grey Kersey Coats, with straps, 18/- ...	£388 16 0
18 Blue Sergeants', with scarlet and straps, 22/6 ...	23 17 0
Packing in 11 Bales ...	4 6 0
	<hr/>
	£416 19 0

Forwarded by Wakeman's Waggon,
Directed to Lieut. Pratchitt, Nantwich.

Lieut. Pratchitt was the Quartermaster of the Corps.

(j) The original bill was kindly presented to the compiler by Lieut. Martin, of the 33rd Corps.

A Parliamentary Return, issued in 1806, gives the Inspection States for that year as follows—

CORPS.	No. of Companies.	Field Officers.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Staff.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Present under Arms.	With leave.	Sick.	Without leave.	Total.	Wanting to complete.	Establishment.
Macclesfield Volunteer Infantry ...	2	...	1	6	3	12	8	154	13	8	23	198	2	200
Do. Foresters ...	4	2	4	3	2	8	10	257	18	19	25	319	24	343
Nantwich Volunteer Infantry ...	6	...	4	8	3	8	6	246	8	6	119	379	41	420
Sandbach do. do. ...	6	1	6	5	2	6	12	246	7	9	48	310	50	360

The state of the arms, accoutrements, and clothing was reported “good,” and the following remark made on the state of discipline, &c., viz.—“Fit to act with troops of the line.”

This was not the case with many other Corps, where the appointments were reported as being “indifferent,” and the discipline only “advancing.”

This Return is signed by Major-General G. Fisher, Commanding part of the North-Western District, under Lieut.-General H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester.

In 1804 the number of Volunteers was 380,195, costing the country £1,282,818 12s. 7d.; in 1805, 360,814, costing the country £1,159,485 1s. 4d.

Mr. Windham, on succeeding to office in 1806, directed his attention to this enormous expenditure, and announced, as to all Volunteers thereafter entering the service, the Government would only issue arms; and as to all existing Corps, that no pay or clothing would be issued after the following year. The strength of the Force in 1806 decreased to 351,508, and in 1807 to 334,910. In the latter year, the

Macclesfield Corps numbered	...	...	...	217
Foresters	...	...	...	386
Nantwich	...	...	...	416
Sandbach	...	...	...	414



LOYAL MACCLESFIELD FORRESTERS AND VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, 1805.

These Corps were dressed in scarlet coats with blue facings; the Foresters wore blue breeches, the other Corps white. The Foresters and the Nantwich (*k*) had gold, and the Macclesfield Volunteers, silver lace; the Sandbach Corps had no lace. The length of the coat-tails and of the feathers in the hats was afterwards increased (*k**).

The strength of the line in 1808 was 336,404. In this year Lord Castlereagh introduced a Bill (*l*) organising a "Local Militia," which, to a great extent, supplanted the Volunteers, many of whom transferred their services by entire Corps. This secession was naturally followed by a gradual falling off among those who remained, until in 1816 (*m*) the Volunteer Force entirely disappeared from the Votes of Parliament (*n*).

(*k*) One of the old Nantwich Volunteers, named Thomas Howard, aged 94, now living in that town, states he was in Captain Garnett's Company, and that on one occasion they were removed to Market Drayton, Salop, for 21 days' drill. He also remembers a very tall cocked hat being worn by the Corps.

(*k**) Prior to 1803, the coats were worn out away from the chest downwards, with white waistcoats. The Officers of the Sandbach Corps wore a chaco similar to the men.

(*l*) 48 George III, c. 3.

(*m*) In Ireland, the Volunteers seem to have held together for a longer period; the names of several Officers gazetted in 1796 still remaining in the War Office List for 1820.

(*n*) A few Regiments were again formed in 1819-20, in consequence of serious riots in some of the manufacturing districts, but they only lasted for a few months.

PLATE IV.



BADGE

WORN ON THE POUCH BELTS OF THE LOYAL NANTWICH VOLUNTEERS.

(From an original Plate in the possession of Captain Terry, presented by
Quartermaster-Sergeant Lewis, 33rd Corps.)

ROLL OF OFFICERS
OF
THE OLD VOLUNTEERS.

LOYAL SANDBACH AND RODE VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

NAMES.	Ensign.	Lieutenant.	Captain.	Major.	Lieut.-Colonel Commandant.	Remarks.
John Ford	Aug. 20, 1803	Resigned, 1805.
Randle Wilbraham	Resigned, 1805.
Weston Bayley	Resigned, 1805.
William Watkins	Resigned, 1805.
Walter Daniel	Resigned, 1805.
John Cartwright	Resigned, 1805.
John Twiss	Resigned, 1805.
John Morris	Resigned, 1805.
John Wilson	Resigned, 1805.
John Mellor*	Resigned, 1805.
Samuel Swan	Resigned, 1805.
John Lockett	Resigned, 1805.
Charles Hilditch	Resigned, 1805.
John Twemlow	Resigned, 1805.
John Hodgkinson	Resigned, 1805.
Richard Latham	Resigned, 1805.
Daniel Galley	Resigned, 1805.
William Done	Resigned, 1805.
William Penlington	Resigned, 1805.
John Furnivall	Resigned, 1805.
Thomas Podmore	Resigned, 1805.
James Colclough	Resigned, 1805.
John Gent	Resigned, 1805.
Chaplain—Richard Lowndes Salmon	Aug. 20, 1803	...
Paymaster—James Colclough	Aug. 20, 1803	...
Surgeon—Peter Matthias	Aug. 20, 1803	...

NOTE.—The Gazette gives the 27th September as the date of the first Commissions, instead of the 20th August, as recorded in the War Office Lists.
* Spelt Miller in some lists.

LOYAL NANTWICH VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

NAMES.	Ensign.	Lieutenant.	Captain.	Major.	Lieut.-Colonel Commandant.	Colonel.	Remarks.
Sir Robert Cotton, Bart.	...	...	...	June 1, 1797 Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	Resigned, 1805.
James Bayley	...	...	June 1, 1797 Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Charles Salmon	...	June 1, 1797	...	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
William Cotton	...	June 1, 1797	...	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Thomas Garnett	...	...	Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	...
William Sprout	June 1, 1797	...	Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	...
John Crewe	June 1, 1797	...	Sept. 5, 1803	...	Sept. 5, 1803	Dec. 1, 1803	
Peter Bayley	...	...	Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	...	Resigned, April 5, 1805
Wm. Harwood Folliott	...	...	Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	...	Resigned, Sept. 29, 1806
James Tomkinson	...	...	Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	...	Resigned, Sept. 21, 1804
Benjamin Rodenhurst	...	Sept. 5, 1803	Sept. 21, 1804	...	...	...
Richard Leversage	...	Sept. 5, 1803	April 5, 1805	...	...	...
John Pratchitt	...	Sept. 5, 1803	Sept. 29, 1806	...	...	...
John Gasper Garnett	...	Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	...	...	Resigned, 1805.
Peter Sprout	...	Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	...	...	Resigned, Sept. 21, 1804
William Kent	...	Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	...	...
Jack Needham Cliff	Sept. 5, 1803	Sept. 21, 1804	...	...	...	...
William Sutton	Sept. 5, 1803	Sept. 21, 1804	...	...	...	...
William Martin	Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	...	...	...
William Lowe	Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	...	...	...
Robert Holland	Sept. 5, 1803	...	...	...	...	...
John Eddowes Bowman	Sept. 21, 1804	April 5, 1805	...	...	...	...
John Ed. Owen	Oct. 19, 1804	Dec. 10, 1806	...	...	...	...
Thomas Craig	Nov. 10, 1804	...	...	...	...	...
John Nickson	...	April 5, 1805	...	...	...	...
Peter Mulliner	...	...	...	...	...	...
John Birks	June 5, 1805	...	...	...	...	...
Robert Harrison	Dec. 10, 1806	...	...	...	...	...
George Capper, Jun.	May 15, 1807	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Adjutant</i> —Peter Wetenhall ... <i>Quartermaster</i> —Lieutenant John Pratchitt ... <i>Surgeon</i> —Lieutenant William Kent ... <i>Agent</i> —Mr. Tustin, Fludyer Street (1797).							
						Oct. 18, 1803 Sept. 5, 1803 Sept. 5, 1803	

NOTE.—The Gazette gives the 1st November, instead of the 5th September, as the date of the first Commissions, except those of the Quartermaster and Surgeon, which are dated 3rd January, 1804.

LOYAL MACCLESFIELD VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

NAMES.	Ensign.	Lieutenant.	Captain.	Captain Commandant.	Remarks.
Jasper Hulley	...	June 21, 1797	June 21, 1797	Aug. 20, 1803	Died, January, 1807.
Ralph Deane	Resigned, 1802.
Matthew Andrew	June 24, 1797	...	...	...	Resigned, 1797.
Septimus Furness	Oct. 25, 1797	...	...	...	Resigned, 1802.
James Pearson
John Wright
Abraham Bailey
Thomas Boden
Henry Lowe
James Mason
James Entwistle
Thomas Phillips
James Gosling
Samuel Pearson
James Swaine
Charles Chapman
George Pearson
Richard Tunstal
Nathaniel Pearson
David Browne
<i>Chaplain</i> —Laurence Heapy <i>Surgeon</i> —Thomas Shaw <i>Agents</i> { Mr. Lawrie, Adelphi (1797). Mr. Jackson (1801).					April 24, 1804 April 24, 1804

NOTE.—The Gazette gives the 27th September, instead of the 20th August, to those Commissions which bear the latter date in the War Office Lists.

LOYAL MACCLESFIELD FORESTERS.

NAMEs.	Ensign.	Lieutenant.	Captain.	Major.	Lieut-Colonel Commandant.	Remarks.
Davies Davenport	...	...	...	Sept. 8, 1803	Sept. 8, 1803	Resigned, 1804.
John Ryle	...	...	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	Resigned, 1805.
Edward Downes	...	...	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	Resigned, 1803.
Brian Hodgson	...	...	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	Resigned, 1805.
Joseph Roe	...	...	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Francis Sadler	...	...	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	Resigned, 1805.
John Birchenall	...	...	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Samuel Braddock	...	Sept. 8, 1803	Dec. 1, 1803	...	...	Resigned, 1805.
Philip Hall	...	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Daniel Brinsley	...	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	...	Resigned, 1805.
Philip Clowes Weddall	...	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Samuel Pickering	...	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	...	Resigned, 1805.
William Goodall	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Charles Roe	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Edward Needham	Sept. 8, 1803	Dec. 1, 1803	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
William Edge	Sept. 8, 1803	Dec. 1, 1803	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Joseph Kitchen	Sept. 8, 1803	...	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
John Ryle, Jun.	Sept. 8, 1803	...	Nov. 22, 1803	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Joshua Ryle	...	...	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Thomas Filcock	Dec. 1, 1803	...	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Joseph Wyde	Dec. 1, 1803	...	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Rowland Gould	June 18, 1804	...	...	...	...	Resigned, 1804.
Chaplain—Dr. David Davies	...	...	...	...	Sept. 8, 1803	Resigned, 1804.
Surgeon—Francis Newbold	...	...	...	...	Sept. 8, 1803	Resigned, 1804.

NOTE.—The Gazette gives the 1st November as the date of the first Commissions, instead of the 8th September.

ALDERLEY VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

<i>Capt. Commandant</i> —Edward Stanley	} Sept. 5,* 1803.
<i>Lieutenant</i> —David Walker	
<i>Lieutenant</i> —Thomas Whittle	
<i>Ensign</i> —John Downes	

This Corps appears to have ceased to exist early in 1806.

CONGLETON VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION.

<i>Captain</i> —Nathaniel Maxey Pattison	} June 6, 1798.
<i>Lieutenant</i> —George Reade	
<i>2nd Lieutenant</i> —Thomas Heron Ravenscroft	

Dissolved about 1802.

* November 1st according to the Gazette.

CHAPTER II.

FROM THE REVIVAL OF THE VOLUNTEER FORCE, IN 1859, TO THE END OF THE YEAR 1873.

1859.

IN the early part of 1859 a panic arose in this country. The French had increased both their naval and military armaments, and the recent triumphs of Magenta and Solferino had revived the bitter remembrance of Waterloo. Many persons thought that the Emperor might not be able to resist a popular outcry against England, and the silly bravado of some French Colonels nearly set fire to the match.

On the 12th of May a circular was issued by General Peel, then Secretary at War, authorising the enrolment of Volunteers under the old Act (a), and Corps after Corps was quickly formed throughout England and Scotland (b).

In this crisis the County Palatine of Chester came well to the front; taking the eighth place on the list of Rifles, a similar position on that of Engineers, and the twenty-eighth on that of Artillery.

Among others in the County, a Corps was formed at Congleton; its services were accepted by Her Majesty on the 17th August, and it was designated the 5th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps. This Corps consisted of one Company,* with an establishment of three

(a) 44 George III, c. 54.

(b) Nearly 120,000 Volunteers were enrolled by the following April.

* A Sub-division of this Company was stationed at Rode, under Lieutenant Francis Wilbraham.

Officers and ninety-seven Non-commissioned Officers and men; and its first Commanding Officer was Sir Charles Watkin Shakerley, Bart., of Somerford Park, under whose able and constant superintendence its members speedily became a well-drilled and fairly-disciplined body.

The uniform consisted of a loose tunic and knickerbockers of coarse grey frieze; a cap of the same colour, with a peak and black band; black leather accoutrements, and buff leggings. Rifles, of the long Enfield pattern, were at first issued by Government in the proportion of 25, and afterwards 50 per cent. of effective members, and, finally, were supplied to all before the end of the year.

On the 31st December the Queen accepted the services of a Corps at Macclesfield, consisting of one Company, under Captain Samuel Pearson, late Lieutenant 1st Dragoon Guards. The uniform was grey, trimmed with black lace, and long loops for the Officers, velvet facings, and a kepi. The accoutrements were of brown leather. This Corps was numbered the 8th Cheshire.

1860.

In January, 1860, Colonel MacMurdo was appointed the first Inspector-General of the Volunteer Force.

The 16th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps was raised at Sandbach, on the 17th February, 1860,* under Captain Edmund Tippinge; and the 27th at Wilmslow, on the 5th March, under Captain E. H. Greg. The former Corps was dressed in a uniform of brown-grey, and the latter in one of dark grey.

On the 7th March, 1860, the Queen held a levée for Volunteer Officers, at St. James's Palace; Sir Charles Shakerley and several other Officers attended.

In April, a second Company, commanded by Captain T. U. Brocklehurst, was added to the 8th Corps, at Macclesfield.

* It is remarkable that five Clergymen—Mr. Armitstead, Rector of Sandbach, and his four sons, joined this Corps, one of them being appointed Ensign.



UNIFORM OF THE 5TH CHESHIRE R. V. C. WHEN RAISED IN 1859.

On the 20th June, the 5th, 8th, and 16th Corps took part in a Review at Chester.

Finding that small Corps, scattered over the country, would have but little opportunity of gaining instruction, the Government adopted the plan of grouping several Corps together into Administrative Battalions. Five of these Battalions were formed in this County, and numbered from West to East; the Corps previously mentioned being, on the 25th July, united under the title of "The Fifth Administrative Battalion, Cheshire Rifle Volunteers." As, however, Administrative Battalions take precedence, not according to their own numbers, but to those of the senior Corps in each Battalion, the 5th Battalion ranks second in the County.

The first Annual Returns, dated 1st August, showed the strength of the Battalion as follows :

		Effectives.		Non-effectives.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	2	...	0	...	2
5th Corps	...	68	...	5	...	73
8th "	...	132	...	4	...	136
16th "	...	61	...	8	...	69
27th "	...	52	...	0	...	52
		<hr/> 315		<hr/> 17		<hr/> 332

On the 30th October, 1860, a Corps, numbered the 33rd, was formed at Nantwich, under Major Starkey, a retired Officer of the Indian Army, and was joined to the 5th Administrative Battalion.

In the following November Sir Charles Shakerley was promoted from the 5th Corps to the Lieut.-Colonelcy of the Battalion, being succeeded in the former command by Captain Francis Wilbraham; and James Swetenham, Esq., late Captain 54th Regiment, was gazetted to the Adjutancy, which appointment he held for thirteen years, with honour and credit to himself, and to the great advantage of the Battalion.

On the formation of the Battalion, the uniforms were in some degree assimilated, though each Corps kept its distinguishing badges. A grey tunic was adopted, trimmed with braid of the same colour, scarlet facings, and bronze buttons; knickerbockers, with a scarlet

welt; black leggings; a chaco, with black lace band and scarlet edging, scarlet tuft, and bronze star. Black leather accoutrements were also approved.

1861.

In January, 1861, the circulars and memoranda which had previously been issued for guidance, were classified in "The Regulations for the Volunteer Force."

A third Company was now raised at Macclesfield, Lieutenant Thomas Antrobus being promoted to the command. By some error, the facings and a velvet band round the cap were ordered to be green.

The Annual Returns in August showed the strength of the Battalion as follows:

	Effectives.	Non-effectives.	Total.
Staff of Battalion ...	2	0	2
5th Corps ...	62	12	74
8th „ ...	238	0	238
16th „ ...	60	17	77
27th* „ ...	52	0	52
33rd „ ...	60	0	60
	<u>474</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>503</u>

1862.

In March, 1862, the Battalion was inspected at Chester, by Lieut.-Colonel Manners, who had been appointed Inspector of Volunteers in the district.

In the same month an order was issued that, although armed with the long rifle, the drill was to be conducted as laid down for the short rifle (c).

* No Return for this year of the 27th Corps can be found at the War Office, that for 1860 is therefore repeated.

(c) This absurd practice has prevailed ever since.

In April, Captain Pearson resigned the command of the 8th Corps, and was succeeded by Captain Brocklehurst, Lieutenant Procter obtaining the vacant Company.

A Royal Commission was appointed in May to inquire into the organisation of the Volunteer Force, which had somewhat fallen off in efficiency. It will be noticed from the Annual Returns that the increase of strength of the Battalion was chiefly caused by an additional number of non-effectives :

		Effectives.		Non-effectives.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	2	...	0	...	2
5th Corps	...	64	...	8	...	72
8th "	...	226	...	18	...	244
16th "	...	67	...	23	...	90
27th "	...	58	...	3	...	61
33rd "	...	63	...	9	...	72
		<hr/> 480		<hr/> 61		<hr/> 541

1863.

In 1863 the Battalion was inspected at Chester, on the 1st April, by Colonel Manners. This year was signalized by the passing of an Act consolidating and amending the law relating to the Volunteer Force in Great Britain. The chief consequences of this new legislation were the introduction of a capitation grant of 20s. for each efficient, with 10s. per man extra for those who went through a course of musketry; the reduction of the number of drills for efficiency from 19 to 9; and the fixing of the number of drills for recruits at 30.

In July, Captain Procter, 8th Corps, resigned, and was succeeded by Lieutenant George Adshead.

In the autumn, Sir Charles Shakerley established an annual shooting match for a Challenge Cup, and a series of prizes, the cup to become the property of any Volunteer winning it twice in succession. Corporal Andrew Johnson, of the 16th (Sandbach) Corps, was the first holder.

About this time, black braid was substituted for the grey braid on the tunics.

The Annual Returns for this year show that the Battalion had not escaped the deterioration general to the Force :

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	7	...	0	...	7
5th Corps	...	85	...	3	...	88
8th „	...	159	...	45	...	204
16th „	...	60	...	21	...	81
27th „	...	46	...	26	...	72
33rd „	...	26	...	47	...	73
		<u>383</u>		<u>142</u>		<u>525</u>

1864.

The different Corps met for Battalion drill this year as follows :

Somerford Park	...	May 17th	...	516 men.
Astle Park	...	June 18th	...	510 „ (Inspection).
Astle Park	...	July 17th	...	352 „ (d)

The strength of the Battalion on the 30th November, as shown by the Annual Returns, was—

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	7	...	0	...	7
5th Corps	...	96	...	4	...	100
8th „	...	230	...	26	...	256
16th „	...	69	...	17	...	86
27th „	...	58	...	11	...	69
33rd „	...	50	...	35	...	85
		<u>510</u>		<u>93</u>		<u>603</u>

On the 17th December, Her Majesty was pleased to accept the services of a new Corps which was formed at Crewe, and incorporated with the 5th Administrative Battalion. This Corps, composed of two

(d) The 3rd Macclesfield Company was not included in this number.

Companies, recruited almost exclusively from men employed in the works of the North Western Railway Company, was placed under the command of Captain Webb, Captain Spencer taking charge of the 2nd Company.

The Staff of the Battalion was now increased, and Captain Edmund Tippinge was promoted to a Majority from the command of the 16th Corps, in which he was succeeded by Lieutenant J. St. John Yates. The old chacos being worn out, a plain grey one, with scarlet tuft, was adopted about this time. The star in front was changed from bronze to silver.

1865.

In March, Captain Adshead resigned the command of his Company in the 8th Corps, Lieutenant Albert Greg receiving promotion.

This year the Battalion met for united drill at

Haslington	...	...	April 8th	...	721 men
(the Crewe Corps being present for the first time).					
Macclesfield	...	...	May 13th	...	666 men.
Somerford	...	...	June 6th	...	672 „
Astle	...	...	July 8th	...	650 „ (Inspection).
and also for a field-day at					
Chester	...	...	August 5th	...	634 „

The Annual Returns gave the following numbers as the strength of the Battalion :

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total
Staff of Battalion	...	10	...	0	...	10
5th Corps	...	95	...	6	...	101
8th „	...	219	...	22	...	241
16th „	...	75	...	8	...	83
27th „	...	62	...	14	...	76
33rd „	...	46	...	26	...	72
36th „	...	182	...	9	...	191
		<u>689</u>		<u>85</u>		<u>774</u>

1866.

Battalion drills took place at

Haslington	...	...	...	...	April 21st	...	624 men.
Somerford	...	...	...	...	May 22nd	...	592 „
Astle	...	...	...	...	June 16th	...	566 „
Adlington	...	...	...	...	July 14th	...	536 „
Chester	...	...	...	...	August 4th	...	650 „

This year the Battalion was inspected by Corps, by Lieut.-Colonel Deshon, who had succeeded Colonel Manners in February.

The Returns showed a falling off in the number of efficient:

		Efficients.		Non-efficient.		Total
Staff of Battalion	...	10	...	0	...	10
5th Corps	...	77	...	10	...	87
8th „	...	220	...	23	...	243
16th „	...	69	...	16	...	85
27th „	...	56	...	19	...	75
33rd „	...	54	...	27	...	81
36th „	...	178	...	21	...	199
		<u>664</u>		<u>116</u>		<u>780</u>

In December, Captains Webb and Spencer, of the 36th Corps, resigned, and Lieutenant Hawkins was promoted to be Captain. The command of the Corps was, however, given to Thomas Stubbs, Esq., who was gazetted as Captain-Commandant.

On the 30th January, Major-General Richard Wilbraham, C.B., was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Battalion. The services of this distinguished Officer will be found recorded in the Rolls.

On the 25th February, Robert Beales, Esq., M.D., who had long held a commission as Honorary Assistant-Surgeon in the 5th Corps, was appointed Surgeon of the Battalion.

1867.

Battalion drills and field days at

Adlington	...	...	April 13th	...	661 men.
Haslington	...	...	May 18th	...	667 „
Somerford	...	...	June 11th	...	634 „
Astle	...	...	July 20th	...	628 „ (Inspection).
Chester	...	...	August 3rd	...	641 „

On the 10th May, Charles H. France, Esq. (afterwards France-Hayhurst) late Lieutenant 77th Regiment, was appointed Major in the Battalion.

The Battalion Challenge Cup, being won for the second year in succession by Private Walter Jaffrey of the 27th (Wilmslow) Corps, became his property, and a new one was purchased for future competition.

This year Sir Charles Shakerley announced his intention to present annually a gold medal (*e*), to be shot for by Officers of the Battalion. The gallant Colonel himself proved the first winner.

The Annual Returns this year showed a decided improvement in the decreased number of non-efficients :

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total
Staff of Battalion	...	11	...	0	...	11
5th Corps	...	87	...	7	...	94
8th "	...	239	...	7	...	246
16th "	...	90	...	3	...	93
27th "	...	72	...	1	...	73
33rd "	...	52	...	26	...	78
36th "	...	200	...	0	...	200
		<u>751</u>		<u>44</u>		<u>795</u>

1868.

Battalion drills and field-days took place this year at

Adlington	...	April 18th	...	688 men.
Haslington	...	May 9th	...	629 "
Somerford	...	June 3rd	...	650 "
Astle	...	July 4th	...	671 " (Inspection).
Chester	...	August 8th	...	661 "

On the 15th May, Warren M. Moorsom, Esq., was appointed to the Command of a Company in the Crewe Corps, vacant by the resignation of Captain Hawkins.

(*e*) A Clasp to be given to a winner already in possession of the Medal.

On the 20th November, Lieutenant Garnett was promoted to the Command of the Nantwich Corps, *vice* Major Starkey, who resigned.

The Annual Returns were as follows :

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	11	...	0	...	11
5th Corps	...	91	...	2	...	93
8th „	...	222	...	5	...	227
16th „	...	87	...	2	...	89
27th „	...	69	...	3	...	72
33rd „	...	50	...	6	...	56
36th „	...	200	...	0	...	200
		<u>730</u>		<u>18</u>		<u>758</u>

It will be noticed that, although the Battalion had fallen off slightly in strength, the number of efficients had relatively increased ; the Crewe Corps again taking the lead in this respect.

1869.

There was the usual number of Battalion drills and field-days this year, viz., at

Adlington	...	April 17th	...	691 men.	
Somerford	...	May 18th (f)	...	631 „	
Haslington	...	June 12th	...	633 „	
Astle	...	July 17th	...	689 „	(Inspection).
Chester	...	July 31st	...	614 „	

Annual Returns :

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	11	...	0	...	11
5th Corps	...	99	...	0	...	99
8th „	...	250	...	10	...	260
16th „	...	88	...	7	...	95
27th „	...	82	...	0	...	82
33rd „	...	51	...	10	...	61
36th „	...	200	...	0	...	200
		<u>781</u>		<u>27</u>		<u>808</u>

(f) A Battalion from a neighbouring county, which attended this field-day, appeared in their new scarlet uniforms ; but, on a shower coming on, the men dispersed !!

1870.

The Battalion drills and field-days this year were at

Wilmslow	...	...	...	...	April 23rd	...	727 men.
Haslington	...	...	...	...	May 14th	...	671 „
Somerford (g)	...	...	...	...	June 8th	...	602 „

The Battalion was inspected at the end of June, at Astle Park, by Colonel Wilkinson, who had succeeded Colonel Deshon as Inspector of Volunteers in the District; 663 men were present. The Nantwich Corps was absent on this occasion (h), on account of the sudden death of their Commanding Officer, Captain Garnett.

On the 6th August, the Battalion (638 strong) attended a Review at Chester. Sir Charles Shakerley was offered the post of Brigadier, but, as he considered the head of his Regiment the proper place for a Lieut.-Colonel of Volunteers, he declined a superior Command on this, as on all other occasions.

On the 25th, Lieutenant Charles Stuart Brooke was promoted to the Command of the 33rd Corps, *vice* Garnett.

The same month, Captain Stubbs, of the 36th Corps, died, and was succeeded in the Command by Captain Moorsom.

In October, Snider rifles were issued to the Battalion.

The strength of the Battalion at the end of the official year was as follows :

			Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...		11	...	0	...	11
5th Corps	...	...	103	...	4	...	107
8th „	...	...	260	...	6	...	266
16th „	...	...	86	...	1	...	87
27th „	...	...	68	...	1	...	69
33rd „	...	...	65	...	2	...	67
36th „	...	...	200	...	0	...	200
			<u>793</u>		<u>14</u>		<u>807</u>

(g) The 1st Manchester R.V.C attended this Review.

(h) The Corps was afterwards Inspected at Nantwich.

1871.

The Corps met together this year at

Congleton	...	...	...	...	April 29th	...	689 men.
Somerford	...	...	...	...	May 31st	...	526 „
Haslington	...	...	...	...	June 17th	...	605 „

The Battalion also paraded by wings, on Congleton Edge. Right wing, 289 men present; left wing, 240.

The Inspection took place at Astle Park, on the 22nd July, on which occasion Colonel Jones, the Inspecting Officer, made the following report to Sir Charles Shakerley:

“Liverpool,

“August 7th, 1871.

“Sir,

“With reference to my Inspection of your Battalion, on the 22nd ult., I have the honour to state that I was satisfied with the general appearance of the men, and their efficiency. I observed, however, that there was a want of steadiness—the movements hurried, and the distances not well preserved; I observed that you laboured under the disadvantage of manœuvring on rough ground. The Battalion showed a fair knowledge of Light Infantry drill. The books appear to be well kept, and in accordance with the Regulations.

“In conclusion, I have much pleasure in informing you that I have reported favourably of your Battalion to Head Quarters.

“I have, &c.,

“(Signed) J. C. JONES, A.A.G.,

“1st Sub-District.”

Towards the middle of the year, the 5th Corps was increased to two Companies, one sub-division being added at Head Quarters, and another to the detachment stationed at Rode. Captain Wilbraham took charge of the latter, together with the Command of the Corps, and Lieutenant Reade was promoted to be Captain of the Congleton Company.

The Battalion Challenge Cup passed this year, for the second time, into private hands, having been won twice in succession by Colour-Sergeant Thomasson, of the Crewe Corps.

In September, short rifles were issued to the Sergeants of the Battalion.

The strength of the Battalion was thus given in the Annual Returns :

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	11	...	0	...	11
5th Corps	...	153	...	1	...	154
8th „	...	272	...	4	...	276
16th „	...	71	...	3	...	74
27th „	...	38	...	4	...	42
33rd „	...	72	...	4	...	76
36th „	...	165	...	0	...	165
		<u>782</u>		<u>16</u>		<u>798</u>

The falling off in numbers was chiefly caused by the depressed state of trade at Crewe.

This year a small cloak was adopted; it was attached by a loop to the button of the left shoulder-strap, and hung down the back; when required, it was hooked round the throat. It was discontinued in 1877.

1872 (i).

In the month of January, Captain Greg resigned his Commission in the 27th Corps, and Colour-Sergeant Towers was promoted to the Command.

In March, Mr. Watkins, who had formerly held a Commission as Lieutenant in the Crewe Corps, re-joined as Captain, *vice* Stubbs, deceased.

“The Annual Drill and Sham Fight” took place at Somerford Park, on the 22nd May (j). This was the last of these parades; they were a source of great inconvenience and vast expense, and the benefit derived from them was very trifling. In addition to a heavy charge for railway fares, the men’s rations cost from £40 to £50; and for this, two hours’ hurried drill was obtained.

(i) This year, Schools of Instruction were opened for Officers, and several Officers of the Battalion have since passed through them. A special Capitation Grant of £2 10s. was now given to all Officers and Sergeants who made themselves “proficient.” 20s. Efficients were abolished, and Class-firing made a necessary part of the training of every efficient Volunteer.

(j) The 2nd Manchester R.V.C. took part in this field-day.

It was now proposed instead, that the men should go under canvas, and Sir Charles Shakerley having, with his accustomed generosity, offered a site in Somerford Park for the purpose, the Battalion assembled for a week's training on the 24th June.

From this time the Battalion gained rapidly in popularity, and consequently in numbers, while its increased efficiency was still more remarkable. 712 of all ranks were present at the Inspection on the 29th, when Colonel Jones expressed himself highly pleased with the condition of the Camp, and with the appearance and movements of the Battalion.

Sir Charles Shakerley instituted a "Camp prize" for the "best Company," and promised to give £10 annually for that purpose. The Congleton Company were the first winners. The cost of this Camp amounted to £427 10s. 8d.

In order to give an opportunity to become efficient to such men as were unable to attend Camp, Battalion drills were arranged to take place at Macclesfield and Crewe, and this practice still continues.

Annual Returns :

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	11	...	0	...	11
5th Corps	...	140	...	9	...	149
8th "	...	238	...	4	...	242
16th "	...	68	...	0	...	68
27th "	...	52	...	24	...	76
33rd "	...	57	...	8	...	65
36th "	...	200	...	0	...	200
		<u>766</u>		<u>45</u>		<u>811</u>

On the 28th December, permission was given to the 36th Corps to enrol 30 supernumeraries.

1873.

The Annual Meeting of the Officers of the Battalion (the first of which any record exists) took place at Somerford Park, on the 11th

January. It was agreed that "The Whitsuntide Review and Sham Fight" should be discontinued, and that the Battalion should again assemble for a week's training in Camp, Sir Charles Shakerley offering his park for the purpose. Major France-Hayhurst was appointed President of the Officers' Mess, and Lieutenant Wildblood, Captain of the Shooting Team. The Acting Paymaster (k) made a call of £7 per Company towards Camp expenses.

In May, the Battalion lost the services of Major France-Hayhurst, who resigned. The same month the Secretary of State for War sanctioned the abolition of tunics in the Battalion, and the substitution of the patrol jacket. In undress, round forage caps, with black braid, were worn by the officers, and blue Glengarries by the men. A sub-division was added to the 36th Corps, which was at once clothed in the new uniform.

The Brigade Depôts having been established, the Reserve Forces of the County were placed under the command of Colonel Anderson, of the 18th Brigade Depôt, at Chester.

The Battalion went into Camp on the 23rd June, the weather unluckily being very wet all the week. The Inspection took place on the 27th, when 768 men were present, and Colonel Anderson expressed his satisfaction in the following terms :

"Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Shakerley is requested to acquaint the Battalion under his command that Colonel Anderson was well satisfied with the Inspection yesterday. The appearance, equipment, and camp of the Battalion were very creditable; the skirmishing good, and the Battalion drill fair, especially considering that the Battalion was divided into eleven Companies. The firing was very good. The desire of Volunteer Corps to work in Battalion in separate Corps may be natural; but if this is always carried out, the efficiency of the Battalion for drill, either alone or in brigade, is impaired. The eleven Companies yesterday formed into eight Companies would have made a Battalion much more serviceable and easy to handle. The large muster made by the Battalion was very creditable.

"(Signed) D. ANDERSON, COL.,

"Somerford Park,
"28th June, 1873."

"Commanding 18th Brigade Depôt.

(k) Lieut. Griz, 5th Corps.

Major Tippinge resigned in July; Captain Brocklehurst was promoted from the command of the 8th Corps to a Majority in the Battalion, *vice* France-Hayhurst; and George Dixon, Esq. (late Captain 25th Regiment K.O.B.), of Astle Park, was appointed, *vice* Tippinge.

Captain Antrobus succeeded Major Brocklehurst in command of the Corps at Macclesfield, Lieutenant John Wright obtaining the vacant Company.

In the month of August a detachment from the 36th Corps, under the command of Captain Moorsom, attended the Autumn Manœuvres at Cannock Chase. It was attached to a "Provisional Battalion," a body, where Colonel, Majors, Adjutant, and Companies from different Battalions are huddled together without any one having the slightest knowledge of anybody else. It is not likely that the experiment will be repeated by any Corps in this Battalion.*

The strength of the Battalion on 31st October was as follows :

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	11	...	0	...	11
5th Corps	...	147	...	8	...	155
8th "	...	234	...	11	...	245
16th "	...	75	...	3	...	78
27th "	...	61	...	5	...	66
33rd "	...	63	...	6	...	69
36th "	...	238	...	3	...	241
		<u>829</u>		<u>36</u>		<u>865</u>

At the end of the year the Battalion lost the services of Captain Swetenham, who had served as Adjutant since its formation. He was granted the honorary rank of Major, and his retirement was universally regretted.

* Offers made by the Colonel to join in the Autumn Manœuvres with his whole Battalion have repeatedly been refused.

CHAPTER III.

COMPRISING THE YEAR 1874, TO MARCH, 1879.

1874.

AT the Officers' meeting at Somerford Park on the 7th February, Lieutenant Wildblood was re-appointed Captain of the Shooting Team, and Captain Greg (who had succeeded Major France-Hayhurst as President of the Mess Committee) was also re-appointed. It was agreed that 10s. per man should be paid to the Band attending Camp in 1873, and a similar sum in future years. A call of £20 per Company was made towards Battalion expenses.

In April, Harry Footner, Esq., was appointed to a Company in the Crewe Corps, *vice* Watkins, resigned.

Captain Astley Terry, of the 60th Rifles, had been, on the 17th January, appointed Adjutant, under the New Regulations, for five years. Captain Terry (who had formerly served as Adjutant of his regiment), after obtaining a First Class Extra Certificate at the School of Musketry at Hythe, joined the Battalion in May.

The Battalion went under canvas in Somerford Park on the 22nd June, mustering 557 men on the first day. On the 25th, the Corps were formed into two Battalions, and practised in Brigade drill by Colonel Anderson. The same Officer made his official Inspection the next day, when 781 of all ranks were present. The following order was issued by the Inspecting Officer :

" Camp, Somerford Park,
" 26th June, 1874.

" Colonel Anderson requests Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Shakerley will acquaint the 5th Administrative Battalion Cheshire Rifle Volunteers that everything connected with the Inspection of the Battalion and its Camp this day has been most satisfactory. With

the opportunities for drill which can be obtained by Volunteers, it is not possible to do better than has been done by the Battalion this day ; to have done so well shows that much attention must have been paid, by Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and men, to drill, both at their Head Quarters and in Camp, and that every man feels he is bound to do his best, both for the credit of his Corps and for that of the Battalion. Colonel Anderson will make a very favourable report of the Battalion.

“(Signed) D. ANDERSON, Col.,

“ Commanding 18th Brigade Depôt.”

The Annual Returns showed the state of the Battalion as under :

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	12	...	0	...	12
5th Corps	...	153	...	3	...	156
8th „	...	263	...	5	...	268
16th „	...	72	...	1	...	73
27th „	...	52	...	19	...	71
33rd „	...	69	...	2	...	71
36th „	...	234	...	3	...	237
		<u>855</u>		<u>33</u>		<u>888</u>

1875.

The Officers' annual meeting at Somerford took place on the 6th February, when a call of £16 per Company was made towards Camp expenses. Lieutenant Platt, of the 36th Corps, was appointed to succeed Lieutenant Wildblood as Captain of the Shooting Team. The Officers' Mess Committee was re-appointed, and the ordinary business transacted.

On the 3rd March, Mr. John Edward Garside, who had been Honorary Quartermaster for some years, was appointed Quartermaster to the Battalion.

On the 16th of the same month, Lieut.-General Wilbraham was gazetted to the Colonelcy of the 80th Regiment, and in May the Battalion experienced a great loss by the retirement of his brother, Captain Francis Wilbraham, who had been an Officer in the 5th Corps from its formation in 1859, and had commanded it since November, 1860.

The Battalion encamped at Somerford on June 21st, 585 men arriving on that day. On the 24th the Battalion, was divided and instructed in Brigade drill by Colonel Anderson, who made his Inspection and issued his report the following day :

" Colonel Anderson requests Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Shakerley will acquaint the Battalion of Volunteers under his command that everything connected with the Inspection this day was satisfactory, and that he will be enabled to make a very favourable report of the efficiency of the Battalion. The Camp is clean, regular, and well kept. The drill, considering the opportunities for practice, was exceedingly good; and the Officers who posted the Companies on picquet and formed an advance guard, showed that they have profited by, and intelligently appreciated, the instruction which they have received.

" (Signed) D. ANDERSON, COL.,
" Commanding 18th Brigade Depot.

" Camp, Somerford Park,
" 25th June, 1875."

This year a prize was instituted for the best shot among the Sergeant Instructors, to be competed for on the same day as the Battalion Match, and under similar conditions. Sergeant Instructor Jeffs was the first winner.

Annual Returns for 1875 :

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	12	...	0	...	12
5th Corps	...	149	...	2	...	151
8th "	...	256	...	1	...	257
16th "	...	94	...	1	...	95
27th "	...	52	...	5	...	57
33rd "	...	82	...	4	...	86
36th "	...	246	...	3	...	249
		890		16		906

1876.

In January, Captain Albert Greg succeeded Captain Antrobus in the command of the Macclesfield Corps.

At the Officers' meeting, on the 5th February, a call was made of £11 per Company, and Captain Yates was appointed President of the Mess Committee.

The various badges worn by the several Corps were now discontinued, and uniformity obtained throughout the Battalion. A handsome plate (*k*) for the pouch belts of the Officers was sanctioned, and a somewhat similar one for the Sergeants; a bugle similar to that on the forage caps was adopted for the pouches of all ranks; the pouch-belts of the rank-and-file were discarded, and pouches and ammunition bags of Government pattern ordered to be worn on the waistbelt.

On the 6th April, Colonel Anderson, who had been appointed to the command of a Brigade at Aldershot, issued his farewell order, in which he spoke very highly of the Volunteers in his district.

On the 24th April, permission was granted for 30 supernumeraries to be enrolled in the 33rd Corps, and on the 15th June a sub-division was authorized. This was the commencement of a series of additions to the strength of the Battalion, which followed one another in rapid succession.

In May, Captain Footner, who had lately left the 36th Corps, rejoined as Commandant, *vice* Moorsom, resigned.

The Camp at Somerford was formed on the 19th June, 652 men coming in on the Monday. A Brigade drill took place on the 22nd, under Colonel Morant, A.D.C. to the Queen, who had succeeded Colonel Anderson in the Command at Chester. Next day Colonel Morant inspected the Battalion (879 men being present), and was pleased to issue the following report :

"Colonel Morant desires to express his unqualified approval of the state of discipline, order, regularity, soldier-like conduct, and efficiency of the Battalion which he has this day inspected, and he requests that Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Shakerley will make known to the Officers and members of each Corps the satisfaction which he will have in making a most favourable report for the information of H.R.H. the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief. Colonel Morant has never inspected an Administrative Battalion in which he has observed so much *esprit-de-corps*, and to this he attributes the full ranks and creditable state of the 5th Cheshire, together with their good fortune in having a Lieut.-Colonel who devotes so much time and labour on his Battalion. There can be no doubt that greater efficiency must arise from encamping, because the whole of the Corps are brought together under the eyes of the Adjutant and Lieut.-Colonel, and

(*k*) From a design drawn by Captain Terry.

greater uniformity and more energetic drilling result from it. The marching-past in column, and especially in quarter-column, was exceedingly good; the Battalion movements were well executed, and the Light drill very good. The Brigade drill also calls for a favourable report of the efficiency of the half battalions, and of the knowledge shown by the Mounted Officers. The Inspecting Officer trusts that the New System of Attack will be practised as soon as possible.

“(Signed) H. H. MORANT, COL. AND A.D.C.,

“Somerford Park,

“Commanding 18th Brigade Depôt.

“June 23rd, 1876.”

A Return dated 6th September, prepared by order of the Secretary of State for War, showed that 52 Officers and 3258 men, total 3310 (exclusive of those then serving), had passed through the ranks of the Battalion.

In October, the horse appointments were ordered to be assimilated to those used in the Rifle Regiments of the Army: black bridle, with throat ornament grey (the colour of the uniform), over scarlet (the colour of the facings); and a shabracque of black lambskin, edged with scarlet, replacing the grey saddle cloth.

Annual Returns for 1876 :

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	13	...	0	...	13
5th Corps	...	165	...	2	...	167
8th „	...	268	...	6	...	274
16th „	...	91	...	0	...	91
27th „	...	69	...	1	...	70
33rd „	...	104	...	4	...	108
36th „	...	257	...	2	...	259
		<hr/> 967		<hr/> 15		<hr/> 982

An order from the War Office, dated 21st November, authorized the discontinuance of the chaco; the Glengarry to be worn in full dress, both by Officers and men, the former continuing to wear the round cap in undress; but shortly afterwards the Glengarry was directed to be worn on all occasions.

This month, Captain Greg, Commandant of the Macclesfield Corps, resigned his commission. He was succeeded by Captain Wright, Lieutenant Firth obtaining the step. Lieutenant Norman also succeeded to a Company in the 36th Corps.

1877.

The Officers met at Somerford on the 6th January, when Captain Towers, 27th Corps, was appointed to command the Shooting Team; Captain Yates was re-appointed President of the Mess Committee, and a call of £17 per Company made by the Paymaster.

This year was remarkable for the great increase which took place in the strength and efficiency of the Battalion.

On the 27th January, Her Majesty approved of the establishment of the 36th Corps being increased to three Companies. On the 2nd February, the enrolment of 30 supernumeraries in the 8th Corps was permitted; and on the 18th March, the same number in the 36th Corps.

On the 14th March, the Chaplaincy of the Battalion was, for the first time, filled by the appointment of The Rev. James Macleod Bannerman, M.A., Vicar of St. Stephen's, Congleton.

On the 23rd March, the Queen was pleased to approve the increase of the Crewe Corps to three Companies and one Sub-division; and a similar increase was sanctioned for the Macclesfield Corps on the 7th April. Thirty supernumeraries were also allowed on the 5th of the same month to be enrolled at Sandbach.

The Battalion being now entitled to a second Lieut.-Colonel, Sir Charles Shakerley became Commandant, and Major Brocklehurst received promotion.

The Majority thus vacant was filled by Albert Greg, Esq. (late Captain-Commandant of the 8th Corps), who was heartily welcomed on his return to the Battalion. Lieutenant Ivatt was promoted to a vacant Company in the Crewe Corps in April.

Applications for the enrolment of supernumeraries in the 36th and 8th Corps were approved on the 14th and 19th May; and on the 29th May and 4th June respectively, these two Corps were increased to four Companies, Lieutenant Peter Parrott obtaining command of the new Company in the latter.

On the 12th May, the 8th and 27th Corps, under command of Major Dixon, took part in a Brigade field-day, at Adlington Park, in conjunction with the 2nd Cheshire Militia and 4th Administrative Battalion Cheshire Rifle Volunteers. Colonel Morant was in command, with Captain Terry as Brigade Major.

The Camp was pitched at Somerford on the 25th June, 997 men marching in on that day ; a Brigade drill took place on the 28th, and Colonel Morant held his Inspection of the Battalion on the 29th.

Out of an enrolled strength of 1270 of all ranks, 1209, or 95.19 per cent., were present.

On comparing these numbers with those of previous Inspections, and with the numbers present at Inspections of other Corps throughout the country, the highly satisfactory state of the Battalion is at once apparent.

That the Inspecting Officer was of this opinion may be gathered from his report, which was as follows :

"Colonel Morant begs to express to Sir Charles Shakerley, and the Officers of the 5th Administrative Battalion of Volunteers, his satisfaction upon the efficient state of the several Corps at the Inspection this day. Their appearance, steadiness at drill, both in Brigade and in Battalion, was highly gratifying to him. The marching-past was very good, in column, quarter-column, and at the double. The manner in which the Light drill was performed, and in which some of the Corps had so rapidly learnt the New System of Attack was highly commendable. Praise must also be awarded to the Sergeant-Instructors. The augmentation of the Corps to their present strength shows a healthy state, and the popularity of the Battalion and the Battalion Commander. The Camp was in excellent order. Colonel Morant will have great pleasure in reporting upon the thoroughly efficient state of this Battalion for the information of H.R.H. the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief.

" (Signed) H. H. MORANT, COL. AND A.D.C.,

" Somerford Park,

" Commanding 18th Brigade Dépôt.

" 29th June, 1877."

Colonel R. B. Hawley, C.B., Assistant Military Secretary, who had commanded the 4th Battalion 60th Rifles for many years, was present at this Inspection, and expressed himself well pleased with the appearance and movements of the Volunteers.

On the 11th July, Lieutenant Sutcliffe, 36th Corps, was promoted to a vacant Company.

The percentage of efficientes this year rose to 99·76, which, considering the increased strength of the Battalion, was highly creditable.

		Efficientes.		Non-efficientes.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	16	...	0	...	16
5th Corps	...	177	...	0	...	177
8th „	...	352	...	1	...	353
16th „	...	115	...	2	...	117
27th „	...	80	...	0	...	80
33rd „	...	121	...	0	...	121
36th „	...	399	...	0	...	399
		<u>1260</u>		<u>3</u>		<u>1263</u>

1878.

The Officers held their Annual Meeting on the 12th January, when the Paymaster called for £21 per Company. Captain Yates was again re-appointed President of the Mess Committee, and Lieutenant Parrott was appointed Captain of the Shooting Team.

In February, Captain Towers resigned his Commission in the 27th Corps, and (after a short interval, during which the command was assumed by Lieutenant Keyworth) was succeeded by Henry Lathbury, Esq. The Corps had been languishing for some years, but a re-action now set in, and its ranks were completely filled in a few days.

Captain Ivatt, 36th Corps, left the Battalion this month, and his loss was much regretted. He was succeeded by Lieutenant Callan.

The critical state of affairs in the East at this time, and the probability of England being engaged in a great war, rendering it advisable to adopt every means of strengthening the hands of Her Majesty's Government, Sir Charles Shakerley offered the services of his Battalion. Over 600 Officers and men volunteered for service abroad, the 33rd Corps giving their names almost to a man, and the 8th Corps furnishing 263 out of 400 enrolled members.



UNIFORM OF THE BATTALION IN 1878.

This year the Battalion was, for the second time in its existence, inspected by Corps; Colonel Tyacke (late of the 22nd Regiment), who had succeeded Colonel Morant in command of the 18th Sub-district, being the Inspecting Officer. The following was the state of the Corps :

			Present.		Absent with leave.		Absent without leave.		Total.
Staff of Battalion	...	...	17	...	1	...	0	...	18
5th Corps	...	...	180	...	14	...	0	...	194
8th „	...	...	376	...	10	...	0	...	386
16th „	...	...	115	...	9	...	0	...	124
27th „	...	...	93	...	5	...	0	...	98
33rd „	...	...	126	...	4	...	0	...	130
36th „	...	...	382	...	18	...	0	...	400
			<hr/> 1,289 (l) <hr/>		<hr/> 61 <hr/>		<hr/> 0 <hr/>		<hr/> 1,350 <hr/>

These Inspections took place in May and June.

In the latter month a new edition (*m*) of the Volunteer Regulations was published. The Regulations of 1863 had been so mutilated by a long succession of circulars, many of which had, in their turn, been cancelled, that it was frequently difficult to avoid confusion. "The Grey Book" was therefore most welcome.

The Battalion now adopted a grey helmet for full-dress. Permission was given for the fittings to be silver in place of bronze, and the Prince of Wales' Plume was authorized to be worn in the centre of the plate. This head-dress greatly improved the appearance of the Battalion.

The Battalion encamped at Somerford on the 24th June. On the 27th, Colonel Tyacke gave the usual instruction in Brigade drill, and inspected the Battalion and its Camp the following day. Departing from the custom of his predecessors, Colonel Tyacke merely addressed a few words on parade, expressing his entire satisfaction, but made no written report to the Commanding Officer.

(l) 42 Officers, 77 Sergeants, 58 Band and Buglers, and 1,112 Rank-and-file.

(m) The first edition was published in 1861, the second in 1863.

As the numbers present on this occasion were the highest ever known in this, or probably in any other Volunteer Battalion, they are here given :

Monday	...	...	...	...	1018 *
Tuesday	...	...	...	...	1057
Wednesday	...	...	...	...	1205
Thursday	...	...	...	...	1257
Friday	...	...	...	...	1328 (Inspection)
Saturday	...	...	...	...	1269

During this Encampment, the Quartermaster's department killed its own meat, thereby realising a saving of about £40.

On the 29th June, Lieutenant Canby, 36th Corps was promoted Captain, *vice* Sutcliffe, resigned.

The Programme of this year's Battalion Shooting Matches is given as an example :

5TH ADMINISTRATIVE BATTALION CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

"Head Quarters, Congleton,

"1st September, 1878.

"MEMORANDUM.

"The Annual Battalion Shooting Match will take place at Sandbach, on Saturday, September 21st, 1878, at 11 a.m.

First Prize, Battalion Challenge Cup, with Medal, and £5 added from the Battalion Fund.

Second	„	...	£4 10 0	Given by Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Shakerley, Bart.
Third	„	...	4 0 0	Given by Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Shakerley, Bart., Lieut.-Colonel Brocklehurst, Major Dixon, Major Greg, Captain and Adjutant Terry.
Fourth	„	...	3 10 0	
Fifth	„	...	3 0 0	
Sixth	„	...	2 10 0	
Seventh	„	...	2 0 0	
Eighth	„	...	1 10 0	
Ninth	„	...	1 0 0	

Three efficient Non-commissioned Officers or Privates selected from each separate Company, two from a half Company, and one from 30 Supernumeraries, are invited to compete for the Prizes. Seven Shots each, at 200, 500, and 600 yards. Snider Rifles only, Government pattern, and regularly used on parade, are allowed. Minimum pull, 6 lbs. Each man to provide his own Government Ammunition.

* Of this number, 969 remained in Camp the whole week.

The Challenge Cup, which is the property of the Battalion, will be shot for annually, and be held by the winner for one year; if the same Volunteer wins the Cup two consecutive years, or three times altogether, it becomes his private property.

Umpires—The Mounted Officers of the Battalion.

The Sergeant-Instructors' Match will take place on the same range, under similar conditions.

First Prize, £3 0 0, given by Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Shakerley, Bart.

Second „ 2 0 0, from the Battalion Fund.

The Officers' Match for the Gold Challenge Medal, presented by Sir Charles Shakerley, will take place at Crewe, on Saturday, September 28th, at 3-45 p.m.

All Officers of the Battalion are invited to compete.

Snider Rifles, Government pattern, with minimum pull of 6 lbs., are to be used. Seven Shots each, at 400, 500, and 600 yards. Officers to provide their own Ammunition.

N.B.—Regulation Targets and Scoring. Any position allowed.

“By Order,

“ASTLEY TERRY,

“CAPT. 60TH RIFLES,

“Adjutant 5th Ad. Batt. Cheshire Rifle Volunteers.”

In August, the term of service of Captain and Adjutant Terry was extended (at the request of Sir Charles Shakerley) from the 16th January to the 31st March, 1879.

The Annual Returns give the following highly satisfactory result. The figures have never been exceeded by any single Battalion :

		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total
Staff of Battalion	...	18	...	0	...	18
5th Corps	...	200	...	0	...	200
8th „	...	398	...	0	...	398
16th „	...	119	...	0	...	119
27th „	...	100	...	0	...	100
33rd „	...	135	...	0	...	135
36th „	...	401	...	0	...	401
	(o)	<u>1,371</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>1,371</u>

(o) 45 Officers, 81 Sergeants, 26 Buglers, 1218 Rank-and-file.

A Statement, showing the Government Allowances earned by the Battalion this year, is here given as an example :

For Camp	...	...	...	£281	12	6
„ Brigade Drill	...	...	...	42	16	0
Travelling Allowance	...	...	...	290	0	0
Capitation „	...	...	...	2,377	0	0
				£2,991	8	6 (p)
Add to this the pay of the Adjutant and Sergeant-Instructors, Allowances to Officers attending Schools of Instruction, &c.	...			743	17	6
Total cost incurred by Government for one year				£3,735	6	0

The Annual Meeting of the Officers was held on the 21st December, when a call of only £10 per Company was made by the Paymaster. Lieutenant Parrott, Captain of the Shooting Team, was re-appointed; as was also the Mess Committee, consisting of Captain Yates, Captain Stancliffe, and Lieutenant Martin.

The Battalion having thus arrived at a strength exceeding that of any other in the kingdom,* and being without a single non-efficient, it may be interesting to trace some of the causes which have led to this creditable result. First of all must be recalled those striking words in the report of the Inspecting Officer in 1877, “the popularity of the Battalion, and of the Battalion Commander.”

Sir Charles Shakerley, ever since he was appointed Lieut.-Colonel in 1860, has devoted himself to acquiring a knowledge of his duties, and has encouraged others in the same course, by a constant attendance at the Parades of the various Corps. He was, at his own request, attached to a regular Regiment,† thus setting an example to his Officers, which many of them have wisely followed. If others would do the same, those eccentric notions of discipline which still occasionally protrude themselves would entirely disappear.

(p) According to a Return forwarded to the War Office, the *average* annual expenditure in excess of the Government Grant during five years, 1873-77, amounted to £1,074.

* The City of Edinburgh Corps is organised as a double Battalion.

† 4th Battalion 60th Rifles, Colonel R. B. Hawley, Colchester, 1871.

Another reason for prosperity is the heartiness and cordiality with which all ranks work together for the good of their individual Corps and of the Battalion at large. This is shown more especially in Camp, where the week is devoted to downright hard work, and which calls to mind another very important cause of success—the Annual Encampment. For this again the Battalion has to thank its chief, who not only provides a site in Somerford Park for the purpose, but contributes in many ways towards its completeness, without calling on the funds of the Battalion. The orders for its regulation will be found in the Appendix, and a perusal of them will show that the work is carried out according to the rules of the Service. The result is that the Camp itself is a pattern of neatness, and its popularity with all ranks is unbounded. This opinion has been strongly expressed by each successive Inspecting Officer.

The regularity which prevails in every department: the Quartermaster's Stores,* from the live bullocks to the ounces of tea and sugar; the Hospital, rarely occupied, but where the Medical Officer† on duty may be seen instructing his Staff in Ambulance drill, &c.; the Canteen; the Magazine; the Guards; the Kitchens; everything in working order, and the duties being punctually and cheerfully carried on. All these show the earnestness with which every man contributes his share towards the promotion of discipline and the knowledge of a soldier's profession.

It is much to be regretted that no record has been kept either of shooting matches with other Regiments, or of individual winners at Wimbledon and County Meetings. A few of the latter only can, therefore, be noted.

The names of Captain Greg, 27th Corps; and Sergeants Latham and Bellsye, 36th Corps, appear in the "Roll of Honour" of the National Rifle Association, as having been twice in the Queen's; the two former, together with Captain Brooke, 33rd Corps, and Colour-Sergeant Lovatt,

* Quartermaster Garside is one of the most indefatigable Officers in the Service; if difficult to catch during 51 weeks in the year, he is always to be found at his post in Camp, and his Stores are the picture of neatness and order. It is said that he never goes to bed during the week!

† Dr. Beales, the Senior Surgeon of the Battalion, not only regularly attends Camp (as indeed do all the Medical Officers), but he provides a gratuitous supply of all necessary medicines.

8th Corps, having been once each in "the sixty." The following names have also appeared as winners in the first stage of the Queen's—viz., Corporals Yeomans and Bratherton, Colour-Sergeant Thomasson, and Quartermaster-Sergeant Threlfall, 36th Corps.

The following are among those who have carried off other prizes of importance at Wimbledon :

In the "Windmill," Bratherton, 36th Corps, won the 1st prize of £20 in 1866; Sergeant Latham, 36th Corps, was a winner in 1876.

In the "Bass" Prize, 1867, Sergeant Snelus, 8th Corps.

In the "Prince of Wales," 1875, and "Alfred," 1878, Corporal Bratherton, 36th Corps.

In the "China Cup," 1875, Corporal Bratherton and Sergeant Bellsye, 36th Corps; 1877, Sergeant Latham, 36th Corps; 1878, Sergeant Bellsye.

In the "St. George's," 1874, Sergeant Bellsye; 1878, Corporal Bratherton and Sergeant Bellsye

In the "Alexandra," 1870, Sir Charles Shakerley; 1878, Corporal Bratherton, £25.

In the County, "The Lord Lieutenant's Prize" of £50 has been won by Lieutenant Railton, 27th Corps, and Sergeant Snelus, 8th Corps, 1864; and among other large prize-winners may be mentioned Private Surridge, Colour-Sergeant Thomasson, Sergeant Latham, Private Durant, Quartermaster-Sergeant Threlfall, and Corporal Bratherton, of the 36th Corps; Captain Stancliffe, Sergeant Lovatt, and Sergeant Rathbone, of the 8th Corps; Sergeant Burrows and Private Beech, of the 16th Corps; Lieutenant Wildblood, 5th Corps (Marquis of Westminster's Prize, £20, 1873).

NOTE.—William Holloway, of the 16th Corps, who had occupied the position of Volunteer Assistant Sergeant-Major since April, 1869, with great credit, resigned in March, 1879.

LIST OF OFFICERS, MARCH, 1879.

HONORARY COLONEL.

General Sir Richard Wilbraham, K.C.B. (Colonel 80th Regiment) ... Jan. 30, 1867

LIEUT.-COLONEL COMMANDANT.

Sir Charles W. Shakerley, Bart., *p.* (late Lieutenant Cheshire Yeomanry) Nov. 15, 1860

LIEUT.-COLONEL.

Thomas Unett Brocklehurst, *p.* (Captain 2nd Royal Cheshire Militia) ... May 9, 1877

MAJORS.

George Dixon, *p.* (late Captain 25th Regiment) ... Aug. 23, 1873

Albert Greg, *p.* ... May 9, 1877

CAPTAINS (13).

Joseph St. John Yates (16), <i>p.</i> ... Dec. 10, '64	Thomas D. Firth (8), <i>p.</i> ... Jan. 10, '77
Charles Stuart Brooke (33), <i>p.</i> ... Aug. 25, '70	Walter Norman (36), <i>p.</i> ... Jan. 31, '77
George W. Reade (Com., 5), <i>p.</i> ... June 1, '71	Peter Parrott (8), <i>p.</i> ... June 27, '77
John Wright (Com., 8), <i>p.</i> ... Sep. 13, '73	Henry Lathbury (27) ... May 1, '78
Rev. W. Bevern Grix (5), <i>p.</i> ... June 9, '75	Nicholas J. Callan (36), <i>p.s.</i> ... June 14, '78
William W. Stancliffe (8), <i>p.</i> ... Feb. 12, '76	Thomas Canby (36), <i>p.</i> ... June 29, '78
Harry Footner (Com., 36), <i>p.s.</i> ... May 3, '76	

LIEUTENANTS (14).

Herbert A. Remer (16), <i>p.s.</i> ... April 1, '69	James Parrott (8), <i>p.</i> ... June 1, '73
John M. Toler (33), <i>p.</i> ... Jan. 10, '71	<i>(Late Lieut. Oxford University R.V.C.)</i>
Seldon Wildblood (5), <i>p.</i> ... June 1, '73	Walter E. Birchenough (8), <i>p.</i> ... June 9, '75
J. Walter H. Thorpe (8), <i>p.</i> ... June 1, '73	Robert A. Thorpe (8), <i>p.</i> ... Feb. 23, '76
Charles D. Keyworth (27), <i>p.</i> ... June 1, '73	Arthur G. Hill (36), <i>p.</i> ... May 16, '77
Henry Martin (33), <i>p.</i> ... June 1, '73	R. T. E. L. Forrest (36), <i>p.</i> ... May 23, '77
Henry Platt (36), <i>p.</i> ... June 1, '73	J. Courthorpe Peache (36), <i>p.s.</i> ... Nov. 27, '78

2ND LIEUTENANTS (8).

Walter O. Rooper (36), *p.s.* ... April 29, '78 | Richard Cobbett (27) ... May 8, '78

Robert S. Comberbach (8) ... May 29, '78

ADJUTANT.

Astley Fellowes Terry (Captain 60th Rifles, Dec. 18, 1867) ... Jan. 17, 1874

QUARTERMASTER.

John E. Garside, *p.* (late Lieutenant 16th Cheshire R.V.C.) ... March 3, 1875

SURGEONS (1).

Robert Beales, M.D. ... Feb. 25, 1867

Seymour H. Munro, M.D., *p.* ... March 14 and Oct. 1, 1877

George Bland, *p.* ... May 28 and Oct. 1, 1877

ACTING SURGEONS (8).

Patrick M. Davidson (5), *p.* ... Feb. 12, 1876, and Oct. 1, 1877

Thomas Shaw (27), *p.* ... July 26, 1876, and Oct. 1, 1877

William R. Davies (16), *p.* ... Jan. 31 and Oct. 1, 1877

John Somerville (8), *p.* ... June 5 and Oct. 1, 1877

ACTING CHAPLAINS (7).

Rev. James M. Bannerman, M.A. ... March 14, 1877

Rev. Joseph Nadin (36) ... June 25, 1873

Rev. Darwin Wilmot, M.A. (8) ... June 27, 1877

STAFF SERGEANTS OF THE BATTALION, FEBRUARY, 1879.

SERGEANT-MAJOR.

John Badger (late Sergeant-Major Rifle Brigade) ... Dec. 23, 1878

ASSISTANT SERGEANT-MAJOR.

John Dalton, Canteen Sergeant (late Colour-Sergeant 60th Rifles) ... Dec. 23, 1878

SERGEANT-INSTRUCTORS.

Alfred Jeffs, Orderly Room Clerk (late Sergeant 5th Fusiliers) ... Mar. 26, 1868

John Laurie (late Sergeant-Instructor in Musketry 7th Fusiliers) ... July 15, 1869

Henry Medcalf (late Sergeant 32nd Light Infantry) ... Aug. 18, 1875

Joseph Bowler (from Colour-Sergeant 60th Rifles) ... Dec. 1, 1877

Frederick Slaughter (late Colour-Sergeant 60th Rifles) ... Mar. 15, 1878

Ward Meadows (late Sergeant-Major 60th Rifles) ... April 3, 1879

QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT.

Samuel Gilbert (Quartermaster Sergeant 16, July 9, 1866) ... June 16, 1875

BANDMASTER.

Edward Chapman (Bandmaster 36, Feb. 6, 1870) ... June 11, 1877

BUGLE-MAJOR.

Edwin Peers (16) ... June 24, 1873

SERGEANT-COOK.*

John Foley, Private 33 (late Corporal 4th Hussars), acting ... Feb. 23, 1873

CORPS.

QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANTS.

Charles Barker (8) ... August, 1863

George Lewis (33) ... May 21, 1869

Richard J. Threlfall (36) ... May 4, 1872

Daniel Ashmore (5) ... July 25, 1877

William Cooke (27) ... Feb. 18, 1878

BANDMASTER.

William Hankinson (8) ... Feb. 16, 1872

Bugle Major.

H. Oliver (36), *supernumerary* May 11, 1872

COLOUR-SERGEANTS.

William Eachus (16) ... Dec. 30, 1868

Jeffery Maybury (33) ... Mar. 13, 1871

William Birchenough (36) ... June 24, 1871

William Oldfield (8) ... Jan. 6, 1872

Isaac Carter (5) ... Jan. 28, 1873

J. J. Thomasson (36) ... Apr. 14, 1873

J. Hardman (36) ... July 1, 1873

J. Foster (8) ... Mar. 3, 1875

William St. Lawrence (27) Feb. 15, 1878

John Francis (36) ... Oct. 26, 1878

Edward Jones (8) ... Feb. 22, 1879

Samuel Roylance (5) ... Mar. 5, 1879

S. Meredith (8) ... Mar. 22, 1879

* Ranks as a Corps Sergeant only.

5TH ADMINISTRATIVE BATTALION CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

ROLL OF HONORARY COLONELS.

NAMES.	Date of Appointment.	Services, &c.
General Sir Richard Wilbraham, K.C.B.	Jan. 30, 1867	<p>Joined the Rifle Brigade as 2nd Lieutenant (by purchase), March 25, 1828; Lieutenant, May 25, 1833; Captain (by purchase) 34th Regiment, July 22, 1836, and immediately afterwards gazetted to half-pay; appointed to 7th Fusiliers, April 5, 1839; served on the Staff as Assistant Adjt.-General in the Syrian Campaign of 1840-41, including the advance on Gaza and affair near Askalon (Medal); Brevet-Major, Dec. 31, 1841; Major (by purchase), Jan. 19, 1844; Brevet Lieut.-Colonel, Nov. 11, 1851; served the Eastern Campaign of 1854-5 as Assistant Adjt.-General, including the Battle of Inkerman and Siege of Sevastopol (Medal with two Clasps, C.B., Officer of the Legion of Honour, 3rd Class of the Medjidie, and Turkish Medal); Brevet-Colonel (for Service in the Field), Nov. 28, 1854; Lieut.-Colonel Unattached (for Service in the Field), Dec. 12, 1854; Major-General, Jan. 26, 1866; K.C.B., May 24, 1873; Lieut.-General, March 21, 1874; Colonel 80th Regiment, March 16, 1875; General, Oct. 1, 1877.</p>

5TH ADMINISTRATIVE BATTALION CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

ROLL OF FIELD OFFICERS.

Names.	Major.	Lieut.-Colonel.	Remarks.
Sir Charles Watkin Shakerley, Bart.	...	Nov. 15, 1860	Lieut.-Colonel Commandant, May 9, 1877.
Edmund J. Tippinge ...	Dec. 10, 1864	...	Resigned, July, 1873.
Charles H. France-Hayhurst (late Lieutenant 77th Regiment) ...	May 10, 1867	...	Resigned, May, 1873. Ensign (by purchase) 77th Regiment, May 16, 1851; Lieutenant, Dec. 10, 1852; served in the Crimea, including the Battle of the Alma, and received the Medal with one Clasp, and Turkish Medal.
Thomas Unett Brocklehurst ...	July 30, 1873	May 9, 1877	
George Dixon (late Captain 25th Regiment, K.O.B.) ...	Aug. 23, 1873	...	Ensign (by purchase) 25th Regiment, April 1, 1860; Lieutenant (by purchase), April 1, 1862; Captain (by purchase), Oct. 16, 1867; retired May 20, 1873.
Albert Greg ...	May 9, 1877		

5TH ADMINISTRATIVE BATTALION CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

ROLL OF ADJUTANTS.

NAMES.	Date of Appointment.	Services, &c.
James Swetenham (late Captain 54th Regiment)	July 27, 1860	Retired with honorary rank of Major, Dec. 17, 1873. Appointed Ensign (by purchase) 3rd Buffs, July 22, 1842, and was severely wounded in the right leg and slightly on the right side, whilst carrying the Regimental colour at the battle of Punnar on the 29th December, 1843, for which he received the bronze star; Lieutenant (by purchase), Aug. 8, 1845; Captain (by purchase), July 12, 1850. He afterwards exchanged into the 54th Regiment, and retired from the Service.
Astley Fellowes Terry (Captain 60th Royal Rifles)	Jan. 17, 1874	Appointed for five years—Term of service extended to March 31, 1879. Appointed Ensign 60th Rifles, April 1, 1858; Lieutenant (by purchase), Sept. 11, 1860; Adjutant, June 23, 1863; Captain (by purchase), Dec. 18, 1867.

ROLL OF QUARTERMASTERS.

NAMES.	Honorary Quartermaster.	Quartermaster.	Remarks.
George William Hall	Mar. 5, 1864	... ..	Resigned, June, 1868.
John E. Garside	April 1, 1869	Mar. 3, 1875	

5TH ADMINISTRATIVE BATTALION CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

ROLL OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

NAMES.	Assistant Surgeon.	Acting Surgeon.	Surgeon.	Remarks.
Robert Beales, M.D. ...	...	...	Feb. 25, 1867	Ranks as Major.
Thomas Brocklehurst ...	June 12, 1876	...	...	Resigned, July 11, 1877.
Seymour H. Munro, M.D. ...	Mar. 14, 1877	...	Oct. 1, 1877	
George Bland ...	May 28, 1877	...	Oct. 1, 1877	

ROLL OF ACTING CHAPLAINS.

Rev. J. M. Bannerman, M.A. ...	Mar. 14, 1877.
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5TH CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF COMPANY OFFICERS.

NAMES.	Ensign.	Lieutenant.	Captain.	Remarks.
Sir Charles Watkin Shakerley, Bart.	...	...	Sept. 15, 1859	Promoted Lieut.-Colonel 5th Administrative Battalion, Nov. 15, 1860.
Francis Henry Wilbraham ...	...	Sept. 15, 1859	Nov. 15, 1860	Resigned, May, 1875.
Arthur Isaac Solly ...	Sept. 15, 1859	Dec. 5, 1860	...	Resigned, Feb., 1866.
George W. Reade ...	Dec. 5, 1860	Feb. 20, 1866	June 1, 1871	Captain Commandant, June, 1875.
Rev. William Bevern Grix ...	Sept. 20, 1867	June 1, 1871	June 9, 1875	
George Holt ...	...	June 2, 1871	...	Resigned, March, 1875.
Seldon Wildblood ...	June 2, 1871	June 1, 1873		
Edward H. Liddell ...	Sub-Lieutenant June 20, 1874	June 20, 1874	...	Resigned, Oct., 1877.
	2nd Lieutenant			

5TH CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

NAME.	Assistant Surgeon.	Acting Surgeon.	Remarks.
Robert Beales, M.D. ...	Feb. 25, 1860 (Honorary)	...	(Appointed Surgeon 5th Administrative Battalion, Feb. 25, 1867) resigned, June, 1871.
Patrick Moir Davidson ...	Feb. 12, 1876 (Acting)	Oct. 1, 1877	

ROLL OF ACTING CHAPLAINS.

8TH CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF COMPANY OFFICERS.

Names.	Ensign.	Lieutenant.	Captain.	Remarks.
Samuel Pearson (late Lieutenant 1st Dragoon Guards)	...	...	Jan. 5, 1860	Captain Commandant, April 25, 1860; resigned, April, 1862. Cornet 3rd Dragoon Guards (by purchase), Dec. 29, 1848; Lieutenant (by purchase), July 12, 1850. In 1852 was placed on half-pay, and on appointment to 17th Lancers soon afterwards, exchanged to 1st Dragoon Guards, with which Regiment he served in the Crimea, and obtained the Medal with Clasp for Sevastopol. Retired in 1856.
Charles Edward Procter	...	Jan. 5, 1860	June 5, 1862	Resigned, July, 1863.
George Edward Adshead	Jan. 5, 1860	Feb. 25, 1861	July 10, 1863	Resigned, March, 1865.
T. Unett Brocklehurst (Captain 2nd Cheshire Militia)	...	...	April 25, 1860	Captain Commandant, June, 1862; promoted Major 5th Administrative Battalion, July 30, 1873.
Thomas Antrobus	...	April 25, 1860	Feb. 25, 1861	Captain Commandant, Aug., 1873; resigned, Jan., 1876.
Albert Greg	April 25, 1860	Feb. 25, 1861	Mar. 15, 1865	Captain Commandant, Jan., 1876; resigned, Nov., 1876.
John Wright	Feb. 25, 1861	Mar. 15, 1865	Sept. 13, 1873	Captain Commandant, Nov., 1876.
Joseph Wright	Mar. 25, 1861	June 5, 1862	...	Resigned, June, 1869.
Robert Brodrick	Mar. 30, 1861	July 10, 1863	...	Resigned, Feb., 1865.
William W. Stancilffe	June 5, 1862	Mar. 15, 1865	Feb. 12, 1876	Resigned, May, 1869.
Samuel Adshead	July 10, 1863	...	...	Resigned, May, 1871.
Thomas Dyson Firth	Mar. 15, 1865	May 7, 1869	Jan. 10, 1877	Resigned, June, 1872.
Peter Parrott	Mar. 15, 1865	June 1, 1873	June 27, 1877	Resigned, Feb., 1874.
George R. Kilmister	May 7, 1869	...	...	Entered Army, and became Captain [Scots Greys, Sept. 5, 1877.
J. U. F. Gaskell	Nov. 20, 1869	...	...
Arthur J. P. Brocklehurst	July 20, 1872	June 1, 1873	...	
J. Walter H. Thorpe	July 20, 1872	June 1, 1873	...	
James A. Parrott	Sub-Lieutenant Dec. 24, 1873	Dec. 24, 1873	...	Resigned, June, 1875.
James O. Adshead	Mar. 4, 1874	...	...
Walter E. Birchenough	June 9, 1875	June 9, 1875	...	
Robert A. Thorpe	Feb. 23, 1876	Feb. 23, 1876	...	

8TH CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF COMPANY OFFICERS—continued.

Names.	2nd Lieutenant.	Lieutenant.	Captain.	Remarks.
Robert S. Comberbach ...	May 29, 1878			

8TH CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

NAMES.	Assistant Surgeon.	Acting Surgeon.	Remarks.
John Mayer	June 1, 1860	... ..	Resigned, Feb., 1867.
William Alex. Provis	June 10, 1867	... ..	Resigned, July, 1873.
George Bland	July 16, 1873	... ..	Appointed Assistant Surgeon 5th Administrative Battalion,
John Somerville	(Acting) June 5, 1877	Oct. 1, 1877	May 28, 1877.

ROLL OF ACTING CHAPLAINS.

Rev. Darwin Wilmot, M.A.	June 27, 1877
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16TH CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF COMPANY OFFICERS.

NAMES.	Ensign.	Lieutenant.	Captain.	Remarks.
Edmund J. Tippinge ...	...	...	Mar. 7, 1860	Promoted Major 5th Administrative Battalion, Dec. 10, 1864.
Aaron C. Howard ...	...	Mar. 7, 1860	...	Resigned, Dec., 1860.
Rev. Henry S. Armitstead ...	Mar. 7, 1860	...	...	Resigned, Sept., 1860.
Joseph St. John Yates ...	Sept. 20, 1860	Jan. 15, 1861	Dec. 10, 1864	
John Blackwell ...	July 1, 1861	Dec. 10, 1864	...	Resigned, Feb., 1867.
John E. Garside ...	May 5, 1866	Feb. 20, 1867	...	Appointed Honorary Quartermaster 5th Administrative Battalion, April 1, 1869.
Herbert A. Remer ...	May 1, 1868	April 1, 1869	...	
James H. Deakin ...	April 10, 1869	...	...	Resigned, July, 1872.
Joseph B. Howard ...	July 27, 1872	June 1, 1873	...	Resigned, June, 1876.
2nd Lieutenant				

16TH CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Name.	Acting Assistant Surgeon.	Acting Surgeon.	Remarks.
William R. Davies	Jan. 31, 1877	Oct. 1, 1877.	

ROLL OF ACTING CHAPLAINS.

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27TH CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF COMPANY OFFICERS.

Names.	Ensign.	Lieutenant.	Captain.	Remarks.
Edward H. Greg	...	...	April 5, 1860	Resigned, Jan., 1872.
John Railton	...	April 5, 1860	...	Resigned, Jan., 1872.
Edwin C. Hopps	April 5, 1860	...	...	Died, Feb., 1867.
B. Prescott	April 20, 1860	...	...	Resigned, Feb., 1871.
John Towers	...	...	Jan. 20, 1872	Resigned, Feb., 1878.
Charles D. Keyworth	Mar. 1, 1873	June 1, 1873	...	...
Cecil William Holliday	Sub-Lieutenant Dec. 22, 1875	...	...	Resigned, May, 1877.
Henry Lathbury	2nd Lieutenant ...	...	May 1, 1878	...
Richard Cobbett	May 8, 1878	...	...	...

27TH CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

NAME.	Assistant Surgeon.	Acting Surgeon.	Remarks.
John Williams, M.D. ...	April 30, 1864 (Honorary)	Resigned, August, 1868.
Thomas Shaw ...	July 26, 1876 (Acting)	Oct. 1, 1877	

ROLL OF ACTING CHAPLAINS.

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33RD CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF COMPANY OFFICERS.

NAMES.	Ensign.	Lieutenant.	Captain.	Remarks.
Samuel C. Starkey, <i>Major</i>	...	...	Nov. 5, 1860	Resigned, Nov., 1868. Appointed to the 7th Bengal Native Infantry, 1827; Quartermaster and Interpreter 10th Bengal Native Infantry, 1839; Quartermaster and Interpreter 45th Bengal Native Infantry, 1843; in 1845, re-joined his own regiment, a wing of which took the siege train from Delhi to Ferozpore, arriving on the eve of the battle of Sobraon; afterwards commanded a local Sikh corps, and retired from the Service in 1852. His Commissions bear date as follows: Ensign, Oct. 13, 1827; Lieutenant, Sept. 1, 1833; Captain, Nov. 6, 1848; Major, April 10, 1852.
John J. Garnett ...	...	Nov. 5, 1860	Nov. 20, 1868	Died, June 30, 1870.
Charles Stuart Brooke ...	Aug. 25, 1863	Nov. 20, 1868	Aug. 25, 1870	
Charles E. Speakman ...	May 6, 1869	...	...	Resigned, June, 1872.
John M. Toler ...	...	Jan. 10, 1871	...	
Henry Martin ...	July 27, 1872	June 1, 1873	...	
	Sub-Lieutenant	...	...
Henry C. Lisle ...	June 28, 1876	...	...	Resigned, March, 1879.
	2nd Lieutenant	...	...

33RD CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

NAME.	Honorary Assistant Surgeon.	Acting Surgeon.	Remarks.
Seymour H. Munro, M.D.	May 9, 1868	Appointed Assistant Surgeon 5th Administrative Battalion, March 14, 1877.

ROLL OF ACTING CHAPLAINS.

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36TH CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF COMPANY OFFICERS.

NAMEs.	Ensign.	Lieutenant.	Captain.	Remarks.
Francis William Webb ...	...	...	Jan. 20, 1865	Captain Commandant, resigned, Dec, 1866.
John W. Spencer ...	...	...	Jan. 21, 1865	Resigned, Dec., 1866.
Henry Hawkins ...	...	Jan. 20, 1865	Dec. 20, 1866	Resigned, May, 1868.
William B. Watkins ...	...	Jan. 20, 1865	March 6, 1872	Resigned, Jan., 1867, as Lieutenant; re-joined as Captain, and resigned, March, 1874.
Thomas Chambers ...	Jan. 20, 1865	Dec. 20, 1866	...	Resigned, Jan., 1869.
John Mould ...	Jan. 21, 1865	Jan. 5, 1867	...	Resigned, April, 1870.
Thomas Stubbs ...	...	...	Dec. 20, 1866	Captain Commandant, died, Sept, 1870.
Frederick J. R. Sutcliffe ...	Dec. 20, 1866	April 16, 1870	...	Resigned, March, 1872.
Henry F. Rigg ...	Jan. 5, 1867	...	...	Resigned, March, 1868.
Warren M. Moorsom ...	...	...	May 15, 1868	Captain Commandant, Sep., 1870; resigned, March, 1876.
Henry Alfred Ivatt ...	Oct. 20, 1868	May 18, 1870	April 4, 1877	Resigned, Feb., 1878.
O. Bolton ...	May 18, 1870	...	...	Resigned, March, 1872.
John A. F. Aspinall ...	Jan. 20, 1871	March 6, 1872	...	Resigned, April, 1875.
Walter Norman ...	March 6, 1872	June 1, 1873	Jan. 31, 1877	
Henry Platt ...	March 7, 1872	June 1, 1873	...	
Frank Sutcliffe ...	May 31, 1873	June 1, 1873	July 11, 1877	Resigned, June, 1878.
Harry Footner ...	...	...	April 18, 1874	Resigned, May, 1875; re-joined as Captain Commandant, May 3, 1876.
Frederick H. Bucknill ...	Sub-Lieutenant	...	...	Resigned, Jan., 1878.
Nicholas J. Callan ...	March 4, 1874	March 4, 1874	...	
Thomas Canby ...	June 23, 1875	June 23, 1875	June 14, 1878	
Arthur G. Hill ...	Mar. 14, 1877	Mar. 14, 1877	June 29, 1878	
R. T. E. L. Forrest ...	May 16, 1877	May 16, 1877	...	
	May 23, 1877	May 23, 1877	...	
James Courthorpe Peache ...	2nd Lieutenant	...	...
Walter O. Rooper ...	April 29, 1878	Nov. 27, 1878	...	
	April 29, 1878	...	...

36TH CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF COMPANY OFFICERS—continued.

NAME.	2nd Lieutenant.	Lieutenant.	Captain.	Remarks.

36TH CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROLL OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

NAMES.	Assistant Surgeon.	Acting Surgeon.	Surgeon.	Remarks.
James Atkinson	Jan. 20, 1865	...	Oct. 1, 1877	Resigned, Oct., 1877.

ROLL OF ACTING CHAPLAINS.

Rev. Joseph Nadin	June 25, 1873
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ROLL OF SERGEANT-INSTRUCTORS.

NAMES.	Regiments served in.	Date of Appointment.	Date of Discharge.
Robert Passman	Grenadier Guards ...	Feb., 1860	Feb. 10, 1863.
Edwin Holdship	43rd Light Infantry	Dec. 9, 1861	Sept., 1863.
James C. Saddler	*... ..	*... ..	Nov. 7, 1862.
John Todd, <i>Sergeant-Major</i>	79th Highlanders ...	Nov. 8, 1862	Dec. 30, 1867.
J. Hilton, <i>Sergeant-Major</i> , Jan. 1, 1868	Grenadier Guards ...	May 12, 1863	Dec. 22, 1878.
David Minns	Grenadier Guards ...	July 9, 1863	Aug., 1867.
W. H. St. Ruth	22nd Regiment ...	May 7, 1864	May 7, 1868.
James Cotter	25th Regiment ...	Jan. 16, 1865	Nov., 1867.
Robert Holditch	26th Regiment ...	Dec. 17, 1867	Feb. 25, 1869.
Henry Kennedy	2nd Cheshire Militia	Jan. 10, 1868	Died, Aug. 15, 1868.
John Hinde... ..	26th Regiment ...	Mar. 23, 1868	May 17, 1875.
Alfred Jeffs†	5th Fusiliers ...	Mar. 26, 1868	
C. G. Clutterbuck	55th Regiment ...	Aug. 1, 1868	Dec., 1868.
W. H. St. Ruth (2nd time)	22nd Regiment ...	Jan. 1, 1869	Jan. 8, 1872.
Thomas McCann	7th Fusiliers ...	Mar. 8, 1872	Aug. 28, 1874.
Michael Martin	47th Regiment ...	Mar. 30, 1874	Died, Aug. 14, 1874.
John Badger, <i>Sergeant-Major</i> , Dec. 23, 1878†	Rifle Brigade ...	Mar. 31, 1869	
John B. Lauriet†	7th Fusiliers ...	July 15, 1869	
John Dalton†	60th Rifles ...	Sept. 12, 1874	
T. Finucane	107th Regiment ...	Sept. 28, 1874	June 7, 1875.
Henry Medcalf†	32nd Light Infantry	Aug. 18, 1875	
Joseph Bowlert†	60th Rifles ...	Dec. 1, 1877	
Frederick Slaughtert† ...	60th Rifles ...	Mar. 15, 1878	
Ward Meadows†	60th Rifles ...	April 3, 1879	

* No Record.

† Present Instructors.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL RETURNS.

STATE OF THE BATTALION.

		Effectives.		Non-effectives.		Total.		Percentage of Effectives.
1860	...	315	...	17	...	332	...	94.87
1861	...	474	...	29	...	503	...	94.23
1862	...	480	...	61	...	541	...	88.72
		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.		Percentage of Efficients.
1863	...	383	...	142	...	525	...	72.95
1864	...	510	...	93	...	603	...	84.57
1865	...	689	...	85	...	774	...	89.01
1866	...	664	...	116	...	780	...	85.12
1867	...	751	...	44	...	795	...	94.46
1868	...	730	...	18	...	758	...	96.04
1869	...	781	...	27	...	808	...	96.66*
1870	...	793	...	14	...	807	...	98.26
1871	...	782	...	16	...	798	...	97.99
1872	...	766	...	45	...	811	...	94.45
1873	...	829	...	36	...	865	...	95.83
1874	...	855	...	33	...	888	...	96.28
1875	...	890	...	16	...	906	...	98.23
1876	...	967	...	15	...	982	...	98.47
1877	...	1260	...	3	...	1263	...	99.76
1878	...	1370	...	0	...	1370	...	100.00
1879	...		...		...		...
1880	...		...		...		...
1881	...		...		...		...
1882	...		...		...		...
1883	...		...		...		...
1884	...		...		...		...
1885	...		...		...		...

* Auxiliary and Reserve Force Circulars, 1870, clause 25, gave the percentage at 96.61, but the Staff of the Administrative Battalion were omitted.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL RETURNS.

5TH CORPS.

Year.	Effectives.	Non-effectives.	Total.	Percentage of Effectives.
1860	68	5	73	93.15
1861	62	12	74	83.78
1862	64	8	72	88.88
Year.	Efficients.	Non-efficients.	Total.	Percentage of Efficients.
1863	85	3	88	96.59
1864	96	4	100	96.00
1865	95	6	101	94.05
1866	77	10	87	88.50
1867	87	7	94	92.55
1868	91	2	93	97.84
1869	99	0	99	100.00
1870	103	4	107	96.26
1871	153	1	154	99.35
1872	140	9	149	93.95
1873	147	8	155	94.83
1874	153	3	156	98.07
1875	149	2	151	98.67
1876	165	2	167	98.80
1877	177	0	177	100.00
1878	200	0	200	100.00
1879	...	...	...	...
1880	...	...	...	...
1881	...	...	...	...
1882	...	...	...	...
1883	...	...	...	...
1884	...	...	...	...
1885	...	...	...	...

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL RETURNS.

8TH CORPS.

Year.	Effectives.	Non-effectives.	Total.	Percentage of Effectives.
1860	132	4	136	97.05
1861	238	0	238	100.00
1862	226	18	244	92.62
	Efficients.	Non-efficients.	Total.	Percentage of Efficients.
1863	159	45	204	77.94
1864	230	26	256	89.84
1865	219	22	241	90.87
1866	220	23	243	90.53
1867	239	7	246	97.15
1868	222	5	227	97.79
1869	250	10	260	96.15
1870	260	6	266	97.74
1871	272	4	276	98.55
1872	238	4	242	98.34
1873	234	11	245	95.51
1874	263	5	268	98.13
1875	256	1	257	99.61
1876	268	6	274	97.81
1877	352	1	353	99.71
1878	398	0	398	100.00
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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL RETURNS.

16TH CORPS.

Year.	Effectives.	Non-effectives.	Total.	Percentage of Effectives.
1860	61	8	69	88.40
1861	60	17	77	77.92
1862	67	23	90	74.44
	Efficients.	Non-efficients.	Total.	Percentage of Efficients.
1863	60	21	81	74.07
1864	69	17	86	80.23
1865	75	8	83	90.36
1866	69	16	85	81.17
1867	90	3	93	96.77
1868	87	2	89	97.75
1869	88	7	95	92.63
1870	86	1	87	98.85
1871	71	3	74	95.94
1872	68	0	68	100.00
1873	75	3	78	96.15
1874	72	1	73	98.63
1875	94	1	95	98.94
1876	91	0	91	100.00
1877	115	2	117	98.29
1878	119	0	119	100.00
1879				
1880				
1881				
1882				
1883				
1884				
1885				

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL RETURNS.

27TH CORPS.

Year.	Effectives.	Non-effectives.	Total.	Percentage of Effectives.
1860	52	0	52	100.00
1861*				
1862	58	3	61	95.08
	Efficients.	Non-efficients.	Total.	Percentage of Efficients.
1863	46	26	72	63.88
1864	58	11	69	84.05
1865	62	14	76	81.57
1866	56	19	75	74.66
1867	72	1	73	98.63
1868	69	3	72	95.83
1869	82	0	82	100.00
1870	68	1	69	98.55
1871	38	4	42	90.47
1872	52	24	76	68.42
1873	61	5	66	92.42
1874	52	19	71	73.23
1875	52	5	57	91.22
1876	69	1	70	98.57
1877	80	0	80	100.00
1878	100	0	100	100.00
1879				
1880				
1881				
1882				
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1884				
1885				

* The Return for this year cannot be traced at the War Office.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL RETURNS.

33RD CORPS.

Year.		Effectives.		Non-effectives.		Total.		Percentage of Effectives.
1861	...	60	...	0	...	60	...	100.00
1862	...	63	...	9	...	72	...	87.49
		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total.		Percentage of Efficients.
1863	...	26	...	47	...	73	...	35.61
1864	...	50	...	35	...	85	...	58.82
1865	...	46	...	26	...	72	...	63.88
1866	...	54	...	27	...	81	...	66.66
1867	...	52	...	26	...	78	...	66.66
1868	...	50	...	6	...	56	...	89.28
1869	...	51	...	10	...	61	...	83.60
1870	...	65	...	2	...	67	...	97.01
1871	...	72	...	4	...	76	...	94.73
1872	...	57	...	8	...	65	...	87.69
1873	...	63	...	6	...	69	...	91.30
1874	...	69	...	2	...	71	...	97.18
1875	...	82	...	4	...	86	...	95.34
1876	...	104	...	4	...	108	...	96.29
1877	...	121	...	0	...	121	...	100.00
1878	...	135	...	0	...	135	...	100.00
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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL RETURNS.

36TH CORPS.

Year.		Efficients.		Non-efficients.		Total		Percentage of Efficients.
1865	...	182	...	9	...	191	...	95.28
1866	...	178	...	21	...	199	...	89.44
1867	...	200	...	0	...	200	...	100.00
1868	...	200	...	0	...	200	...	100.00
1869	...	200	...	0	...	200	...	100.00
1870	...	200	...	0	...	200	...	100.00
1871	...	165	...	0	...	165	...	100.00
1872	...	200	...	0	...	200	...	100.00
1873	...	238	...	3	...	241	...	98.75
1874	...	234	...	3	...	237	...	98.73
1875	...	246	...	3	...	249	...	98.79
1876	...	257	...	2	...	259	...	99.22
1877	...	399	...	0	...	399	...	100.00
1878	...	401	...	0	...	401	...	100.00
1879	
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NUMBER OF MEN IN CAMP.

YEAR.	Lowest Number on any Day.	Highest Number on any Day (Inspection).	Average for the Week.	Average for best Three Days.	Number Present the Whole Week.	Enrolled Strength.	Percentage of Enrolled Strength present at Inspection.
1872	248	712	442	610	*	789	90.24
1873	493	768	620	716	*	846	90.78
1874	557	781	679	757	*	860	90.81
1875	585	800	723	786	*	862	92.80
1876	652	879	769	845	*	933	94.21
1877	997	1209	1121	1182	*	1270	95.19
1878	1018	1328†	1189	1284	969	1376	96.51
1879							
1880							
1881							
1882							
1883							
1884							
1885							

N.B.—It is worthy of remark that every figure in this Table increases annually.

* No record.

† Inspected also by Corps ; number present, 1289.

WINNERS OF THE OFFICERS' GOLD MEDAL.

- 1867 Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Shakerley, Bart., 5th Administrative Battalion C.R.V.
- 1868 Lieutenant Stancliffe, 8th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.
- 1869 Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Shakerley, Bart., 5th Administrative Battalion C.R.V.
- 1870 Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Shakerley, Bart., 5th Administrative Battalion C.R.V.
- 1871 Lieutenant Wildblood, 5th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.
- 1872 Lieutenant Platt, 36th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.
- 1873 Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Shakerley, Bart., 5th Administrative Battalion C.R.V.
- 1874 Lieutenant Stancliffe, 8th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.
- 1875* Captain Greg, 8th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.
- 1876 Lieutenant Wildblood, 5th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.
- 1877 Lieutenant Platt, 36th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.
- 1878 Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Shakerley, Bart., 5th Administrative Battalion C.R.V.
- 1879
- 1880
- 1881
- 1882
- 1883
- 1884
- 1885

* The 1st Prize this year was a Medal, presented by Captain Antrobus, and won by Lieutenant Wildblood, 5th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

WINNERS OF THE BATTALION CHALLENGE CUP.

1863	Corporal Andrew Johnson	...	...	16th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.				
1864	Sergeant George J. Snelus	...	...	8th	„	„	„	„
1865	Private Josiah Gatley	...	...	27th	„	„	„	„
1866	Private Walter Jaffrey	...	...	27th	„	„	„	„
1867*	Private Walter Jaffrey	...	...	27th	„	„	„	„
1868	Colour-Sergeant J. J. Lovatt	...	...	8th	„	„	„	„
1869	Sergeant D. Crymble	...	...	8th	„	„	„	„
1870	Colour-Sergeant J. Thomasson	...	...	36th	„	„	„	„
1871*	Colour-Sergeant J. Thomasson	...	...	36th	„	„	„	„
1872	Sergeant D. Crymble	...	...	8th	„	„	„	„
1873	Colour-Sergeant Threlfall	...	...	36th	„	„	„	„
1874	Sergeant W. Oldfield	...	...	8th	„	„	„	„
1875	Sergeant C. Hulme	...	...	36th	„	„	„	„
1876	Sergeant J. Burrows	...	...	16th	„	„	„	„
1877	Corporal W. Bratherton	...	...	36th	„	„	„	„
1878	Lance-Corporal J. Badger	...	...	36th	„	„	„	„
1879								
1880								
1881								
1882								
1883								
1884								
1885								

* The Cup became the property of the Winner.

CAMP PRIZES.

	1st Prize.		2nd Prize.		3rd Prize.
1872	27th Corps ...		—	...	—
1873	A. 36th Corps ...		—	...	—
1874	A. 5th Corps ...		—	...	—
1875	33rd Corps ...		16th Corps	...	27th Corps.
1876	33rd Corps ...		16th Corps	...	{ C. 8th Corps } { C. 36th Corps } <i>eq.</i>
1877	33rd Corps ...		C. 8th Corps	...	16th Corps.
1878	{ 33rd Corps } { C. 8th Corps } <i>eq.</i> ...		—	...	B. 5th Corps.
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1881					
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1885					

APPENDIX.

STANDING ORDERS.

5TH BATTALION
CHESHIRE RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

Fourth Edition, 1878.

HEAD QUARTERS, CONGLETON,
20th June, 1875.

LIEUT.-COLONEL SIR CHARLES SHAKERLEY, BART., in calling the attention of the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates, of the Battalion under his command, to the following "Standing Orders," trusts to their good sense, patriotism, and zeal for the Volunteer Service, for their strict obedience to the same; and for the patient endurance of any little hardships and inconveniences which may occasionally occur in Camp.

The "Dress Regulations" are to be strictly complied with.

By Order,

ASTLEY TERRY,
Captain, 60th Rifles,
Adjutant 5th Ad. Batt. Cheshire Rifle Vols.

GENERAL REGULATIONS IN CAMP.

1.—Uniform is to be worn at all times in Camp by all ranks, unless the uniforms are wet, when any dress may be worn till they are dried.

2.—No visitors or strangers will be allowed in the Camp after 9 p.m., except by special leave from the Commanding Officer.

3.—No Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Private will be allowed to leave the Camp without the written permission of the Commanding Officer, which will be granted in cases of emergency, on the recommendation of the Officers commanding Corps. Men returning off pass will take their passes to the Officer of the Quarter-guard, who will endorse them with the time of return, file them, and send them to the Orderly Tent at 8.45 a.m. Each Corps will be provided with a pass-book, which will be brought to the Orderly Tent at 8.45 a.m., with all passes for the Commanding Officer's signature. The Adjutant will compare the old passes with the pass-books; and the new passes, when signed, will be given to the Corps' Orderlies for entry and distribution.

4.—One Company will be kept off duty daily as Fire Picquet. In case of fire in Camp, the "Assemble" will be sounded, and all tents in the vicinity of the fire will be at once struck by the Companies they belong to. The Regimental Picquet, under the Orderly Officer, will take charge of the Officers' lines. The Fire Picquet, leaving a Corporal and two men in charge of their own lines, and detaching a party to bring up the small fire-engine, if required, will be placed under the orders of the Field Officer of the day, who will form a cordon round the fire to keep off unauthorized persons. The remainder of the Companies will fall in on their private parades, and the Guards will turn out and wait for orders. The Hospital and Quartermaster's Stores will be considered in the lines of the 5th Corps, the Officers' Mess Tents in the lines of the 33rd Corps, and the Sergeants' Mess and Canteen Tents in the lines of the 36th Corps. The 8th Corps will take charge of the Medical Officers' line, and the Tents of the Battalion Staff Officers will be considered as part of the lines of the Companies in which they are situated.

5.—Each Corps will be told off into squads according to the number of tents allotted to it; each squad to be in charge of a Non-commissioned Officer, who will be responsible for the cleanliness and order of the tent.

6.—Non-commissioned Officers and men are forbidden to pass through the Officers' lines.

7.—No Bugle is to be sounded in Camp, unless specially ordered, except by the Battalion Orderly Bugler.

8.—Camp Prizes, when given, will be awarded for general efficiency by a Committee of the Field Officers, who will consider the following points: general behaviour, drill, silence and steadiness in the ranks, state of the lines, cleanliness of arms and accoutrements, punctuality at parades and fatigues, and efficiency and smartness of Guards and Sentries.

PARADES AND DUTIES.

1.—Reveille will sound	...	...	...	...	...	at 6 a.m.
Breakfast	...	...	...	...	...	„ 8.15 „
Dinner	...	...	...	...	...	„ 1 p.m.
Tea	...	...	...	...	...	„ 6 „
Retreat	...	...	...	...	...	„ 9 „
1st Post, or Watch-setting	...	...	...	...	...	„ 9.30 „
2nd Post, or Tattoo	...	...	...	...	...	„ 10 „
Lights out	...	...	...	...	...	„ 10.15 „

After which no men are to be out of the tents, and no talking or noise is to be permitted.

2.—Morning Drill will be	...	...	...	...	at 6.45 a.m.
Commanding Officer's Parade	...	...	...	...	„ 10.30 „
Ditto ditto	...	...	...	...	„ 3.30 p.m.

3.—The Dressing Bugle will sound half-an-hour before each Parade.

4.—Ten minutes before each Commanding Officer's Parade, the Non-commissioned Officers' Call will be sounded; when the Band, and the whole of the Non-commissioned Officers (except one Sergeant per Company, who will remain to look after the men) will parade for inspection by the Adjutant.

5.—At every Commanding Officer's Parade a Field State of each Company will be prepared, which will be handed to the Adjutant by the Orderly Sergeant at the Non-commissioned Officers' Parade.

6.—Men who have not attended six drills—four of them out of doors—before Camp, will not be placed in the ranks, but will be drilled in the Recruit Squad. They will not be put on the Quarter-guard.

7.—No leave can be granted from the Commanding Officer's Parade, except by the Officer commanding the Battalion.

8.—The Camp will be ready for the Commanding Officer's Inspection at 9.45 a.m. each day. The men to be outside the tents; beds and bedding neatly folded up and arranged inside the tents, and the curtains of the tents to be rolled (except in wet weather) from Reveille to 2 p.m. In the absence of a Non-commissioned Officer, the Senior Volunteer in each tent will be responsible that this order is carried out. The bedding will be folded in the following manner: The waterproof sheets to be doubled, on the top of these the palliase, also doubled, with the blankets and clothing placed on the top, neatly folded. After dinner each man may arrange his bedding as he pleases.

9.—There will be Roll Call in tents at 9.45 p.m., when every man not absent with leave must be in his tent, and all men passing into Camp between Tattoo and Reveille must report themselves at the Quarter-guard; and any man who is reported absent at Tattoo without leave, even if found in Camp in the morning, will be brought before the Commanding Officer to answer for such absence. Any man coming into Camp from absence without leave will be permitted to go to his tent, unless he is not sober.

10.—The Buglers will practise every morning from 7 to 8 a.m.; the Bugle-Major or Bandmaster to instruct.

11.—Office hour at the Orderly Tent will be at 9.15 a.m., when prisoners will be disposed of. Crimes to be sent in by 8.30 a.m. Men brought before the Commanding Officer for absence without leave will be deprived of beer money in the proportion of 3d. for each half-hour's absence, in addition to any other punishment which may be awarded.

12.—Orders will be issued at the Orderly Tent at 2 p.m., or as soon after as possible.

13.—There will be a Field Officer of the day, a Captain of the day, and an Orderly Officer appointed daily.

14.—The Field Officer will be responsible for order generally in the Camp. He will visit each Guard once, and make a verbal report to the Commanding Officer in the morning.

15.—The Captain of the day will inspect the rations; visit the breakfasts, dinners, and teas of one half of the Battalion; accompany the Commanding Officer during his inspection of the Camp; visit the Canteen and Hospital; turn out each Guard once; inspect the Picquet at 6.30 a.m., and give his orders to the Sergeant in command; and he will enter in his report any irregularities occurring during his tour of duty. He will report himself to the Field Officer by 7 a.m.

16.—The Orderly Officer will report himself to the Captain of the day at 6.30 a.m.; superintend the issue of rations; visit one half Battalion at breakfast, dinner, and tea; accompany the Commanding Officer during his inspection of the Camp; visit the Hospital, Canteen, and Kitchens; parade with the Picquet at 2 p.m., Retreat, and Tattoo; receive the reports from the Sergeant-Major at last Post, and see lights out at 10.15 p.m. He will turn out each Guard (except the Quarter-guard), and perform any other duty under the directions of the Captain of the day. Printed copies of the reports of the Captain of the day and Orderly Officer are to be obtained at the Orderly Tent; reports to be sent in by 9 a.m.

17.—One of the Sergeant-Instructors and one Volunteer Sergeant will act each day as Battalion Orderly Sergeants; they will attend the Officers on duty, and will also be responsible that the Guards' meals are taken to them, and will show the orders to the Staff Officers of the Battalion. A Volunteer Sergeant will also be told off as Field Officer's Orderly. Two Privates will be selected by the Adjutant to attend at the Orderly Tent during the week.

18.—Each Company must appoint an Orderly Sergeant and Orderly Corporal daily, whose duties will be as follows: To see that the men rise and fold up their bedding when Reveille sounds; to warn all men who are for duty, and to parade with them, and to keep the duty roster properly posted up; to see that the men receive their rations at the proper time, and that the tents are ready for the Commanding Officer's Inspection at 9.45 a.m., and to accompany him round the tents of the Company; to attend and take orders, and show them to the Officers of the Company; to see that the men are quiet in their tents, and

the lights put out when the Bugle sounds for that purpose ; and that all Indents, Parade States, and other returns are properly filled in, signed, and given in at the time ordered. The Orderly Sergeants will be present with their Corps when the Officers of the day visit the meals, and hand to him the absent report, or report all present, as the case may be.

19.—Guard Mounting will take place at 6.30 a.m., 2 p.m., and 9 p.m.

20.—The Quarter-guard will consist of one Officer, one Sergeant, two Corporals, one Bugler, and eighteen Privates ; the Rear-guard of one Sergeant, one Corporal, and twelve Privates ; and the Gate-guard, one Corporal and three Privates by day, and six Privates by night, or more if required.

21.—The Picquet will consist of one Sergeant, one Corporal, and twelve Privates. They will parade with Side-arms at 6.30 a.m., Retreat, and Tattoo, and act under the orders of the Officers on duty. They will also parade and be placed as Sentries about the Camp during parade hours, and allow no unauthorised persons to enter ; and will hold themselves in readiness to turn out at any time if required.

22.—Each Corps will be furnished with a Nominal Roll, with a column opposite to the names of the different members, on which their turns of duty can be marked, as follows :

———— CHESHIRE R.V.C.

	Guard.	Picquet.	Fatigue.
Private Smith	June 1	June 3	June 2
„ Jones	June 2	May 31	June 1
„ Thompson	June 3	May 30	May 31

23.—Fatigue men will be told off daily from each Corps in case of storms, to run to the Officers' and Staff Tents, and slacken the tent ropes.

SUPPLIES.

1.—The Quartermaster will issue the rations, be responsible for the cleanliness of the Camp, and accompany the Commanding Officer during his Inspection : he will have charge of all supplies, stores, and of the Magazines.

2.—The ammunition brought into Camp by the different Corps will be taken to the Quartermaster's Stores, under an escort of one Non-commissioned Officer and two Privates, and the Quartermaster will give a receipt for the same, and will not allow any to be drawn from the Magazine unless by Indent as follows :

Required for the.....*C.R.V.C.*

.....*Rounds of Blank Ammunition.*

Signed,.....*Captain,*

Date,.....

Commanding.....*C.B.V.C.*

3.—On arrival in Camp, Officers commanding Corps will send to the Quartermaster's Stores a Fatigue Party of the average strength of one man to every five in the Corps, to draw the waterproof sheets, blankets, &c., required for the Corps.

4.—One man per Company will be told off as Pioneer, and be placed under the orders of the Quartermaster, and struck off all other duties and parades, unless specially ordered by the Commanding Officer of the Battalion. The Pioneers will pump all water that is required for the Camp after 10 a.m.

5.—Dirty water and scraps must not be thrown away in Camp, but taken to a place which will be pointed out by the Quartermaster.

6.—Indents for Rations will be issued by Officers commanding Companies, who will take care that they are properly filled in and totalled by 9 o'clock each evening, and given at once by the Orderly Sergeants to the Quartermaster, so as to enable that officer to make out a correct return of rations required for the following day.

7.—Rations will be issued at 6.30 a.m.

8.—Each man's daily rations will consist of—

1 lb.	...	...	Meat,	2 oz.	...	...	Sugar,
1½ lb.	...	...	Bread,	½ oz.	...	...	Coffee,
1 lb.	...	...	Potatoes,	¼ oz.	...	...	Tea,

Milk, Vegetables, and Peas or Barley for Soup, Salt, Pepper, Mustard; 1s.3d. per day Beer Money. The Nets in which potatoes are issued must be returned to the Quartermaster's Stores each day by 1 p.m.

9.—Officers commanding Corps will tell off their men into Messes, each consisting of not more than ten men, and the rations will be issued by Messes. A Fatigue Party from each Corps will parade a quarter of an hour before each meal, under the Orderly Sergeant, to fetch the rations from the Kitchens.

10.—Non-commissioned Officers in charge of tents will see that water is fetched for the men to wash in; that one man per Mess attends at the Quartermaster's Stores to draw rations, and that they are carried to the Kitchen ready for cooking; that the meals, when fetched from the Kitchen, are distributed to the men; that the mess utensils are washed after each meal; that the ground round the tents and between the lines is kept clean, and all refuse carried to the place appointed.

11.—One man will be told off from each Company daily for Company's Cook, and also one man per Company as Cook's Orderly. The Orderly will be the Cook on the following day. These men will be under the orders of the Sergeant-Cook.

12.—The Canteen will be conducted by a Committee, appointed by the Commanding Officer and assisted by the Canteen-Sergeant, on the principles laid down in the "Queen's Regulations." A Licence will be taken out in the name of the Canteen-Sergeant. The Canteen will be open from 8 a.m. till 9 p.m., but no liquor will be sold to Volunteers till noon, nor be allowed to be taken to the tents (except beer at dinner and tea time). The accounts will be audited by the "Board of Audit."

HOSPITAL.

1.—The Hospital will be under the superintendence of the Surgeon, who will make arrangements to ensure one Medical Officer always being on duty in the Camp, to whom all sick men will report themselves. A list of the sick will be sent to the Orderly Tent every day by 9.15 a.m.

2.—The Commanding Officer, on the recommendation of the Surgeon, will appoint a Hospital Sergeant, to superintend the Hospital under his orders.

3.—When practicable, a few men will be told off daily to be instructed in Hospital duties, under the orders of the Surgeon.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

1.—The Sergeants' Mess will be controlled by the Commanding Officer, who will see that it is conducted with strict economy, regularity, and order. He will be assisted in this duty by the Adjutant, under whose immediate supervision the Mess is placed.

2.—All Sergeants, including Lance-Sergeants, *must* be members of the Mess.

3.—Every member will in future pay an entrance fee of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and an annual subscription of One Shilling. The entrance fee will be paid on promotion, the subscription on the 1st of January. A Sergeant promoted after the 31st of October will not be liable for subscription in the following January. The fund thus raised will be kept distinct, and will be available *only* for the purchase and repair of Mess property.

4.—A Mess meeting will be held annually, in November or December, at the Head Quarters of each Corps in rotation; the Sergeant-Major, or, in his absence, the Senior Sergeant-Instructor, will preside. Minutes of the proceedings will be recorded, and submitted to the Adjutant for the Commanding Officer's approval.

5.—The management of the Mess will be conducted by a Committee, consisting of a President (not below the rank of Colour-Sergeant) and one member from each Corps. The President, who must not be the Sergeant-Major nor Bandmaster, will be appointed by the Commanding Officer; and the members will be elected by the Sergeants of the several Corps. Each member will collect the entrance fees and subscriptions due from his own Corps. The Committee may appoint one of their number to act as Secretary.

6.—No licence will be permitted to be taken out for the Mess. No stranger will be permitted to enter the Mess, except at the invitation of a member; and *no liquor nor refreshment of any kind will be supplied unless ordered and paid for by a Sergeant of the Battalion*. The Sergeant-Major, or, in his absence, the senior N.C.O. present in the Mess, is responsible for the maintenance of good order, and for the observance of the Rules of the Mess. The Mess will be closed each night at Eleven o'clock.

7.—The charges for messing and liquors should be such that, after paying the current expenses of the Mess, and the necessary expenses of the Committee, there should be as little surplus as possible, which will be strictly applied towards reducing the charge for *messing* the following year. This point will be carefully taken into consideration when fixing that charge at the Annual Mess Meeting.

8.—The Committee will select a Sergeant (not the Canteen Sergeant, nor a member of their own body), to act as Caterer, subject to the approval of the Commanding Officer. He will be exempt from all other duties in Camp. He will be charged with the care and sale of all stores, and be responsible to the Committee for their value. The Caterer has no authority to make purchases or to select tradesmen without the sanction of the Committee. He will place on the Mess table every morning a statement, according to the following form, of the expenditure of the preceding day. This account will be kept in a book for the purpose.

1878.	RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.		
June 24	By Balance Cr.	£	s.	d.
		0	10	6
	„ 60 Sergeants in Mess, @ 9d.	2	5	0
	(Signed) A.B., Sergt., President (or Sec.) M.C.	2	15	6

1878.	EXPENDITURE.	AMOUNT.		
June 24	Leg of Mutton	£	s.	d.
		0	11	3
	Ham	0	14	0
	Vegetables	0	4	6
	Milk	0	3	2
	Groceries	0	9	4
	&c., &c., &c.			
	Bal. Cr.	0	13	3
	(Signed) C.D., Sergt., Caterer.	2	15	6

9.—A Colour-Sergeant will be appointed by the Committee to act as Treasurer, but he will not be a member of the Mess Committee. The Committee will hand over to him all moneys received for messing, liquors, &c., and he will at once pay all outstanding bills, which must first be signed by the President. The Committee will be held strictly responsible by the Commanding Officer that all tradesmen's bills are punctually paid. They will examine and check the Caterer's book and the accounts of the Treasurer, and the President will submit the same, with the receipted bills, and a certificate that *all* bills have been paid, to the Battalion Board of Audit, which assembles annually in the month of November. A general statement of accounts, signed by the President of the Committee, will also be submitted to the Board of Audit, and this statement will, when approved by the Board, be printed and circulated among the Sergeants.

10.—The funds of the Mess are available only when the Corps are in Battalion, or for purposes connected therewith.

11.—Any additional rules which may be considered necessary, must be submitted for the approval of the Commanding Officer.

12.—Copies of these rules will be kept posted in the Sergeants' Mess, and in the Orderly Room of each Corps.

OFFICERS' MESS.

1.—The Mess Committee will consist of a President and two members appointed by the Officers at their annual meeting.

2.—Officers will dine in patrol jackets. The Officers on duty will wear their pouch belts. At the Inspection dinner all Officers will wear their pouch belts.

3.—Officers must give notice before 1.30 each day if they wish to bring one or more guests to dinner. Officers may bring any friends into the Mess Tent for luncheon or refreshment, and they must give a ticket to the Mess Waiter, signed by themselves, for any refreshment they order. They must give such notice as the Mess President may require.

4.—No wine, spirits, soda-water, &c., will be allowed to be taken from the Mess or Ante-room Tent.

5.—Officers will be charged with their share of any sherry drunk at dinner, if they are present, but the cost of other wines will be divided among those Officers who drink them. At luncheon, all wines will be charged only to those Officers who drink them.

6.—The Mess-Sergeant will have charge of the wine, and all orders must be given to him.

7.—The Mess and Wine Accounts will be made up each day, and placed on the Ante-room table between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

8.—The accounts will be audited by the "Board of Audit."

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

1.—All correspondence between Officers commanding Corps and the Authorities must pass through the Officer commanding the Battalion.

2.—All Battalion orders are to be entered in the order books of the Corps as soon as received, and read on the first parade afterwards. The orders will also be posted in the Orderly Rooms of the several Corps.

3.—On the dispatch or receipt of stores, both receipt and delivery vouchers are to be forwarded to the Adjutant; in the former case, the delivery voucher, and in the latter, the receipt voucher, being first signed by the Officer commanding the Corps. Receipts for payment of stores are also to be forwarded to the Adjutant for entry in the equipment ledger.

4.—All empties, which have to be returned to Chester, will be dispatched on the 30th November.

5.—When men parade in uniform for drill, the waist-belt will be worn, with pouch, ammunition bag, and bayonet, complete. When men are permitted to parade in plain clothes, the waist-belt and bayonet must be worn.

6.—Officers commanding Corps are requested to arrange their drills annually—from 1st April to 31st March—so as to clash with each other as little as possible.

7.—There will be a General Meeting of the Officers of the Battalion annually.

8.—A Board of Audit will be appointed annually by the Commanding Officer, and will meet about the month of November, to audit the following accounts—the Battalion accounts, the Canteen accounts, the Officers' Mess accounts, and the Sergeants' Mess accounts.

9.—Any alteration in the numbers of the family of a Sergeant-Instructor will be notified to the Adjutant by the Officer commanding the Corps to which the Instructor is attached.

10.—The Battalion challenge cup will be shot for under regulations which are published annually. If a Volunteer wins the cup two years in succession, or three years altogether, it becomes his private property.

REGULATIONS

FOR THE

DRESS OF THE BATTALION.

1878.

NOTE.—Where the dress differs from that originally adopted by the Battalion, or from the General Regulations, the authority is quoted.

REGULATIONS FOR THE DRESS OF THE BATTALION.

OFFICERS.

*Patrol Jacket (a).—*Grey cloth (Government pattern, No. 6536), 28 inches long from the bottom of the collar behind—for an officer 5 feet 9 inches in height, with a proportionate variation for any difference in height—rounded in front, and edged with 1-inch black mohair braid all round (except the collar) and up the openings at the sides. On each side in front, four double drop loops of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch flat black plait, with eyes in the centre of each loop, the top loops reaching to the sleeve seams, and the bottom ones 4 inches long; four netted olivets on the right side, to fasten through the loops on the left. Double flat plait on each back seam, with crow's foot at top and bottom, and two double eyes at equal distances. Breast pockets opening in the second line of plait, and pockets below, with flaps in and out. Hooks and eyes

V.
(a) Authority—36 Cheshire. W.O., 12 May, 1863.
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in front. On each shoulder, a loop of flat black plait, with small regimental button. Collar (rounded in front) and pointed cuffs of scarlet cloth, with the following distinctions of rank :

<i>Colonel</i>	Crown and Star	{ Collar laced all round with black lace, and figured braiding within the lace. Cuff laced round the top with black lace, with figured braiding above and below the lace, extending to 11 inches from bottom of cuff.
<i>Lieutenant-Colonel</i>	Crown	
<i>Major</i>	Star	
<i>Surgeon</i> (appointed to that rank before 1st October, 1877) ...)	...		
<i>Adjutant</i>	Crown and Star	{ Collar laced round the top, and figured braiding below the lace. On the sleeve, an Austrian knot of flat black plait, with figured braiding above and below, extending to 8 inches from bottom of cuff.
<i>Captain</i> ... ..	...	
<i>Surgeon</i> (after six years' service))	...		
<i>Lieutenant</i>	Crown	{ Collar laced round the top, and plain tracing below the lace. On the sleeve, an Austrian knot, with plain tracing round it, extending to 7 inches from bottom of cuff.
<i>Quartermaster</i> ... ..	...	
<i>Surgeon</i> (under six years' service))	...		
<i>Acting Surgeon</i> ... ..	...	
<i>2nd Lieutenant</i>	Star	

The Collar Badges in gold embroidery.

Knickerbockers.—Grey cloth, with scarlet welt $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide down the outer seams. Mounted Officers have a large hook inside each knee to fasten into a loop on the boots.

Shell Jacket.—Grey cloth, upright scarlet collar and scarlet cuffs : black mohair braid, traced, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide, all round the body, forming barrels (or dummies) at bottom of side seams ; side seams trimmed with $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mohair braid, forming crow's foot at top, and finishing over the barrels (or dummies) at hip. Pocket-holes trimmed with $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mohair braid, forming a crow's foot at each end and in centre. Five waved loops of square cord in front, with four rows of knitted olivets. Pointed cuffs of $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mohair braid, with tracing of black Russia, forming a row of small eyes on the outside and inside of the cuffs, and extending $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the bottom of each cuff. Collar—mohair braid $\frac{3}{8}$ inch wide all round, trimmed through centre with plumes, and row of small eyes along top edge ; a loop at bottom of collar to fasten across the neck.

Mess Waistcoat.—Grey cloth, single-breasted, no collar, open half way down, hooks and eyes, $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mohair braid on edges, with a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch braid down the front one inch from the edge ; scarlet cloth between the two braids, with row of eyes of black Russia down front edge on the scarlet cloth ; pockets trimmed with $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mohair braid, forming a crow's foot at each end, edged all round with scarlet cloth.

Trousers—For *levées* and evening dress only (b).—Grey cloth, with scarlet welt down the outer seams.

Boots.—High boots, with buttons down the outer side. Company Officers may, if they prefer them, wear laced boots with black leather leggings. With trousers, Wellington or ankle boots, with plain fronts, must be worn.

Spurs—For Mounted Officers.—Steel, crane-necked, with straps and chains. Box spurs with trousers.

Helmet (c).—Cork, covered with grey cloth, the front peak bound with white metal (d) $\frac{3}{16}$ inch wide, the back peak with patent leather $\frac{1}{8}$ inch wide; white metal curb-chain chin strap, lined with black velvet, rose fastenings at the sides, and a convex bar down the centre of the back. At the top of the helmet there is a white metal spike, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches high, screwing into a cross-piece base, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch high. In front, a white metal Maltese cross, surmounted by a crown; in the centre, within a circle on which is inscribed the title of the Battalion, the Prince of Wales's Plume (e) mounted on scarlet cloth. (Plate VII.)

Cap.—Blue cloth Glengarry (f), bound with black silk or leather, and ribbons 5 inches in length. At the left side, on a black silk rosette, a silver Maltese cross, surrounded by a garter and wreath, with crown above. (Plate VIII.)

Sword.—Half-basket hilt and back-piece of steel, black fish-skin grip, bound with silver wire; slightly curved blade, grooved and spear-pointed, from 33 to 35 inches long and 1 to $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch wide at the shoulder; extreme length, including hilt, from $38\frac{1}{2}$ to 41 inches; weight, 1 lb. 12 oz. to 2 lb.; steel scabbard (g).

Sword Knot.—Black leather strap and acorn.

Sword Belt.—Black enamelled leather, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch wide, with slings 1 inch wide; silver snake clasp and mountings, to be worn under the jacket (h).

(b) Authority— $\frac{\text{V.}}{\text{Cheshire. 2168.}}$ W.O., 27 Feb., 1878.

(c) Authority— $\frac{\text{V.}}{\text{Cheshire. 2168.}}$ W.O., 27 Feb., 1878.

(d) Authority— $\frac{\text{V.}}{\text{Cheshire. 2176.}}$ W.O., 30 March, 1878.

(e) Authority— $\frac{\text{V.}}{\text{Cheshire. 2183.}}$ W.O., 18 April, 1878.

(f) Authority— $\frac{\text{V.}}{\text{Cheshire. 2058.}}$ W.O., 14 Feb., 1877. A white cover, of Government pattern, is permitted to be worn at shooting matches: Authority for issue— $\frac{\text{P.C.}}{\text{5 A.B. Cheshire R.V.}}$ Army Clothing Department, 24 April, 1877. 31.

(g) Not to be hooked up, but to be carried in the left hand. Queen's Regulations, Sect. XII, par. 15 d. e.

(h) Queen's Regulations, Sect. XII, par. 15 c.

Sabretasche.—For Mounted Officers.—Black patent leather, with three slings and silver mountings.

Pouch Belt.—Black morocco leather, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, with silver plate (as on the cap), whistle, and chain. (Plate VIII.)

Pouch.—Black morocco leather, with silver badge—a Bugle and “5,” surmounted by Prince of Wales’s Plume. (Plate IX.)

Gloves.—Black leather.

Great Coat and Cape.—Dark grey milled cloth, double-breasted, to reach within a foot of the ground; stand and fall collar, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep, with a fly to cover the band of the cape when buttoned on; loose round cuffs, 6 inches deep; two pockets at the waist in front, two openings behind at the side seams, with pointed flaps, 11 inches long, and a breast pocket on the left inside; a slit in the left side for hilt of sword to pass through; an opening behind 19 inches long, with a fly; two rows of buttons down the front, six in each row, the top buttons 6 inches apart, the bottom ones 4 inches; three buttons on each skirt-flap, the centre one to close the pocket; four small buttons at the opening behind, and five flat buttons under the fly at the collar; a cloth back-strap attached to the top button of the skirt flap to confine the coat at the waist; two hooks and eyes to the collar. Cape of the same cloth as the coat, to button on, and long enough to cover the knuckles, with four small buttons in front and two hooks on the collar.

Buttons.—White metal; “5” within a Bugle, surmounted by Prince of Wales’s Plume. (Plate IX.)

Waterproof Cloak.—Army pattern.

MEDICAL OFFICERS.

As for other Officers, with the following exceptions:

Cocked Hat (instead of Helmet).—Black beaver or silk, the left side 7 inches high, the right side $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches, each corner $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches long; a black silk cockade on the right side, with loop (of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch lace) and button over it; and at each corner a bullion tassel $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch long, exclusive of the head; the tassels flat, netted, and with silver purl (i) head; eight small silver bullions, with seven crimson bullions under them.

N.B.—All the above Officers are permitted to wear, at balls or levées, silver pouch and sword belts, silver sword knots, and silver stripes on the trousers.

V.
(i) Authority—Cheshire. W.O., 10 August, 1878.
2224.

Plume.—Black cock's tail feathers, without feathered stem, 6 inches long for Surgeons appointed to that rank before 1st October, 1877, 5 inches long for all other Medical Officers.

Pouch.—To contain a small case of instruments.

CHAPLAIN.

Frock Coat.—Black cloth, single-breasted; plain standing collar; six buttons down the front, and six loops of small round black braid on each side; the top loop 6 inches long, and gradually decreasing to 3 inches at the waist; two buttons at the waist behind; the skirt lined with black. A crown and star embroidered in black and silver at each end of the collar. Pointed cuffs, 6 inches deep at the point, edged with grey tracing braid, terminating in an Austrian knot, 2 inches deep; three buttons on each cuff.

Buttons.—Plain black silk.

Trousers.—Black cloth, with black braid, 1 inch wide, down the outward seams.

Boots.—Wellington or ankle.

Forage Cap.—Black cloth, with plain black horizontal peak; band of black oak-leaf lace, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide, with a grey edging; grey netted button, and black braided figure on the crown.

Gloves.—As for other Officers.

Great Coat and Caps.—As for other Officers, but black cloth instead of grey.

Waterproof Cloak.—As for other Officers.

HORSE FURNITURE FOR MOUNTED OFFICERS.

Saddle.—Hunting, with plain stirrups and girths.

Shabracque.—Black lambskin, 3 feet 4 inches long, 21 inches deep in front, and 12 inches behind, covering the saddle and wallets; scarlet cloth edging, black moleskin lining.

Bridle, Breastplate, &c.—Black leather, with silver bosses and buckles, black front and rosettes; horse-hair throat ornament, 18 inches long, with silver ball socket; the inner part of the horse-hair scarlet, the outer part grey.

Wallets.—Brown leather.

Wallet Covers (with Undress).—Black patent leather, with silver studs.

N.B.—At manœuvres, or on service in the field, Officers may use a saddle with fairs, &c., as described in G.O. 28, April, 1878, par. x.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND PRIVATES.

BADGES.

1.—*Badges of Rank* are silver on scarlet cloth, with an edging $\frac{1}{8}$ inch wide, and (except the Instructors' badge of cross muskets) are worn on both arms. The lace for chevrons is $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide.

The bars of the chevrons of the Battalion Staff Sergeants are of double lace; those of all Non-commissioned Officers of Corps are of single lace.

The badges on the jackets of the Sergeant-Major and Quartermaster-Sergeant of the Battalion are worn above the cuff; those of the Assistant Sergeant-Major and of all other Non-commissioned Officers above the elbow. The badges on the great-coats are worn above the cuff by all Non-commissioned Officers.

2.—*Badges for Proficiency, Efficiency, and Good Shooting* are black worsted on grey cloth.

Proficiency stars (for Sergeants) are of four points and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter. They are worn on both arms, above the badges of rank.

Efficiency badges consist of a diamond of grey cloth, with an edging of black braid, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch wide; the diamond to be $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches long by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch deep (exclusive of the edging), and is to be worn on the right arm, above the braid on the cuff. Efficiency stars are of five points, and 1 inch in diameter, worn above the badge.

The badge for good shooting consists of a rifle embroidered horizontally, and is worn on the left sleeve above the cuff. The distinguishing stars are of four points, and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter.

BATTALION STAFF SERGEANTS.

Patrol Jacket.—Same as for Officers, but round black cord is substituted for the flat plait; $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch black lace round the top of collar, and a plain Austrian knot on the sleeve. The Bandmaster and Bugle-Major wear wings, trimmed with black lace. Badges of rank as follows:

SERGEANT-MAJORS.—A chevron of four bars, surmounted by a crown.

SERGEANT-INSTRUCTORS.—A chevron of three bars, surmounted by a crown. A Sergeant-Instructor, holding a certificate as a qualified Instructor in Musketry from the School of Musketry at Hythe, wears on the right arm an additional badge of crossed muskets and crown.

QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT.—A chevron of four bars, surmounted by a star of six points.

BANDMASTER.—No badge.

BUGLE-MAJOR.—A chevron of four bars, surmounted by a bugle.

Knickerbockers.—Grey cloth, with a scarlet welt down the outer seams.

Boots.—Laced ankle, with black leather leggings.

Helmet.—As for Officers, but the front peak bound with black leather ; no bar down the back, nor scarlet cloth under the centre of the plate.

Cap.—Glengarry, blue cloth, bound with black leather ; black silk rosette, and ribbons 5 inches long ; badge, as for Officers, but without the wreath. (Vide note to plate VIII).

Sword and Scabbard.—Government pattern.

Sword Knot.—Black leather.

Sword Belt.—Black patent leather, 2 inches wide, with slings 1 inch wide ; white metal clasp of regimental pattern—a Bugle and “5th Battalion,” surmounted by a crown within a circle, on which is inscribed the title of the Battalion. (Plate X.) To be worn under the jacket.

Pouch-belt.—Black patent leather, with badge as on cap, whistle and chain. (Vide note to Plate VIII.)

Pouch.—Black patent leather, with badge as for Officers. (Plate IX.)

Gloves.—Black.

Great Coat and Cape.—Regulation pattern, as supplied from the Army Clothing Department.

Buttons.—Regimental pattern, as for Officers. (Plate IX.)

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND PRIVATES OF CORPS.

Jacket.—Same, as regards size and shape, as for Officers, but fastening down the front with five buttons ; scarlet collar, with $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch black braid round the top ; pointed cuffs, 4 inches deep, trimmed with $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch black braid, terminating in a loop 2 inches deep ; shoulder straps, edged with $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch black braid, fastening to small button, and having “5 A.B.,” the number of the Corps, and “Cs.” embroidered in black.

Buglers wear wings trimmed with black lace.

Non-commissioned Officers wear the following badges :

QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT.—A chevron of four bars, surmounted by a star of six points.

BUGLE-MAJOR (to be appointed only to a Corps of not less than six Companies).—A chevron of four bars, surmounted by a bugle.

COLOUR-SERGEANT.—A chevron of 3 bars, with crossed swords and bugles surmounted by a crown.

SERGEANT. }
 LANCE-SERGEANT. } A chevron of three bars.

CORPORAL.—A chevron of two bars.

LANCE-CORPORAL.—A chevron of one bar.

Buttons.—Regimental pattern. (Plate IX.)

Knickerbockers. }
Boots. } As for Battalion Staff Sergeants.
Helmet. }

Cap.—Glengarry, as for Battalion Staff Sergeants; badge—a Bugle and “5,” surmounted by Prince of Wales Plume. (Plate IX.)

Waist-belt.—Black leather, 2 inches wide, with frog; clasp as for Staff Sergeants. (Plate X.)

Ammunition Bag.—Black leather, Government pattern, to hold 20 rounds.

Pouch.—Black leather, Government pattern, to hold 20 rounds; badge as on cap. (Plate IX.)

Rifle.—B.L. Snider. { For Sergeants, short rifle, with sword and scabbard.
 { For Rank and File, long rifle, with bayonet and scabbard.

Sling.—Black leather, worn loose.

All Sergeants wear a pouch-belt and pouch as laid down for Battalion Staff Sergeants, instead of the ordinary pouch.

Quartermaster-Sergeants (Bugle-Majors, and Bandmasters, when appointed) wear the sword, scabbard, sword-knot, and sword-belt (*k*) as laid down for Battalion Staff Sergeants.

A Bandmaster (to be appointed only to a Corps having a full band of 22 members) is permitted—in consideration of his liability to perform the duties of Bandmaster to the Battalion, when his band is employed in Camp—to wear a patrol jacket similar to that of the Battalion Bandmaster, but with shoulder straps, grey cuffs, and cap badge of the Corps.

Company Sergeants wear the ammunition bag.

Buglers carry bugles with black cords and tassels.

Honorary Members may wear the uniform of Privates, with a special badge, consisting of a star of six points, embroidered in black, with grey edging, on the left sleeve above the cuff.

(*k*) Worn over the jacket.

PRICES.

Helmet, complete	{ Officers' 37/6	Squire & Co., 122, Stamford Street, Blackfriars Road.
	{ Men's 8/-	
Plate for ditto	{ Officers' 5/-	
	{ Men's 0/9	
Plate for Pouch- belts and Glen- garries of Officers and Batt. Staff Sergeants	{ Officers' from 2/6 Staff Sergeants' from 1/6	according to plating.
Plate for Pouches of all ranks, and Glengarries for N.C.O. and men	{ With Shanks 6d. Screws and Burs 2d. each.	Mr. Dowler, 42, Cherry Street, Birmingham.
Buttons	{ Large, 6/-, 8/-, and 12/- per gross. Small, 4/-, 6/-, and 9/- ,,	
Clasps for Waist-belts, from 1/8 ³ / ₄ , according to plating.		
Waist-belts	2/1	
Frogs	1/5	Bramston & Co., York Road, King's Cross.
Pouches.	2/7	
Ammunition Bags	2/7	

PLATE VII.



HELMET PLATE.

PLATE VIII.



BADGE

WORN ON THE POUCH BELTS AND GLENGARRIES OF OFFICERS.

NOTE.—A similar Badge, without the wreath, is worn on the Pouch Belts of all Sergeants,
and on the Glengarries of Battalion Staff-Sergeants.

PLATE IX.



REGIMENTAL BUTTON.



BADGE

WORN ON THE POUCHES OF ALL RANKS, AND ON THE GLENGARRIES OF
NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND PRIVATES OF CORPS.

PLATE X.



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